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THE DREW LETTER ON HONG KONG

British Intelligence Warning To Canada

Troops Unprepared For Active Military Service

Three days before the Hong Kong expedition sailed on Oct. 27, 1941, British intelligence warned the Canadian Government that war with Japan was an early possibility.

Despite this warning, Canada dispatched an ill-trained, poorly-equipped force that had been selected on the basis that it only would have to do leisurely garrison duty at Hong Kong.

This is the substance of Premier George Drew's now famous letter to Prime Minister MacKenzie King which has been the subject of so much comment in Canada during the past month. Direct quotations of the contents of this letter are printed below.

Drew's letter was written to the Prime Minister following the report of the late Sir Lyman Duff, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, at that time, who sat as a one-man commission on the Hongkong affair. Drew appeared before the commission as counsel for the opposition in the House of Commons. The report was issued in June, 1942.

Commissioner Duff's report exonerated the Government and the army command of blame for the ill-fated expedition. Drew's letter takes issue with almost every point made by the commissioner.

It is undoubtedly the strongest attack ever made by a Canadian against a Royal Commission's findings—especially a commission headed by the top judicial figure of the day.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DREW LETTER

"Units were sent which had never had any firing practice whatever with some of their most important weapons. They had little firing practice with any weapons. They were not ready for active service by any standards of training and in a war in which vehicles to move weapons are an absolute necessity, they went into action against the Japanese before a single one of their weapon carriers arrived at Hongkong.....

"So inefficient was the system of control and checking of details that the Minister of National Defence, Colonel Ralston, did not know that these unfortunate men were without any of their vehicles until Dec. 15, when they had been under attack by the Japanese for one week. The War Committee did not know of the tragic fact until later.....

"It was known that war with Japan was an early possibility. That fact governed, or should have governed, the composition of the force and the state of its equipment .....Two battalions which had been employed most of the time on coast defence and had as a result not done much field training, even of sub-units, left Vancouver on October 27th for Hongkong, and three weeks after their arrival were engaged in field operations of the deadliest character against the picked field forces of Japan.

Below Strength

"The battalions were the Royal Rifles of Quebec and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. Both units had previously been below strength and the Winnipeg Grenadiers had in fact been on a reduced establishment. It was necessary to complete them by transfer from training centres.

"For no satisfactory reason, arrangements for reinforcements were so delayed that the new officers and men—450 in all—only joined the units immediately before departure or at stations en route. Of these additions, 140 had less than the minimum period of training required for men proceeding overseas.....And again many even were taken without the minimum period of 16 weeks' training.

"Up to the time of their departure, neither unit had been able to give its men any training with the two-inch mortar. They had never fired a three-inch mortar. They had never fired an anti-tank rifle. They had never fired a rifle grenade. They had never thrown a live bomb. That applied to men of both units. The men of the Winnipeg Grenadiers had never fired their Bren guns, and until just before departure, had never fired service ammunition with their rifles. They were hopelessly untrained for war.....

"Bare Hands"

".....the Hongkong force went into action against the Japanese without having received a single one of the 212 vehicles with which it should have been equipped. Most serious, however, was the fact that the troop ship left with two holds nearly empty which had been set aside for 20 priority vehicles which were a necessity with this force. They would have provided that minimum of vehicles necessary to move the tons of weapons and ammunition without which infantry units today might just as well go into action with bare hands.....

"A full understanding of the measure of responsibility depends, however, upon a clear recollection of the surrounding circumstances. On Sept. 19th, 1941, a message was received by the Canadian Government from the Government of Great Britain formally opening the discussion of the Hongkong expedition. The message pointed out that.....more as a deterrent demonstration than for any other purpose a small reinforcement of the garrison of Hongkong would be justified..... The message then said the Government of the United Kingdom would be most grateful if one or two Canadian battalions could be provided for this purpose.

"On Sept. 23 you (Prime Minister King) sat as chairman of the War Committee which discussed this message and decided to send two battalions. At the time the decision was made the War Committee had before it, as the evidence at the inquiry shows, no reports of any kind from military experts, no map of Hongkong, no map of Asia, no information regarding the military disposition at Hongkong and no information of any kind upon which a military decision could be properly made.....It is true that the decision was stated to be subject to the subsequent approval of the Minister of National Defence who was then at Los Angeles, and the Chief of the General Staff. They did not object. The two units which were sent to Hongkong were then chosen by the War Committee on the recommendation of the Chief of the General Staff.

Japanese Cabinet Change

"On Oct. 16 the Japanese Government fell and a new Government was formed under extremists of the war party.....On the same day the War Department and Navy Department in the United States instructed their Pacific outposts to make their dispositions with due regard to the early possibility of war. You were informed that the Government of the United Kingdom was of the same opinion as the Government of the United States and they were acting accordingly.

"It is inconceivable that you were not informed on the very day it happened of the reaction of the British Government to the sterling crisis in the Japanese situation. On Oct. 16th, Dalton our parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, stated in the House of Commons that it was necessary to mobilize the Militia. It is also inconceivable that you were not informed of the Cabinet changes in Japan."

Chaos In Palestine Forecast

Lake Success, Mar. 16.

Widespread chaos and bloodshed in Palestine when the British mandate ends in May was predicted in the second report of the Palestine Commission to the Security Council, released today.

The report said that information recently received from the Commission's advance party in Jerusalem "further emphasises that unless security is restored in Palestine, the implementation of the Assembly's resolution will be impossible."

"The Commission, therefore, has the duty to state that present indications point to the inescapable conclusion that when the mandate terminates, Palestine is likely to suffer severely from administrative chaos and widespread strife and bloodshed."

The report made these points regarding the time limits set in the Assembly's plan.

Firstly, Arab resistance has made it impossible to establish a provisional council of Government in the proposed Arab state by April 1.

Secondly, although the Commission had already taken preliminary steps to select a provisional Jewish council, this would be unable to "carry out its functions" before the mandate ends.

Thirdly, the mandatory power's position precluded any possibility of establishing provisional councils by April 1.—Reuter.

WESTERN UNION TREATY

London, Mar. 16.

The Foreign Office spokesman announced today that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will leave Paris tomorrow for Brussels where he will sign the five-power Western Union Treaty.

The text of the treaty will be released at 5.30 p.m. in the five capitals, the spokesman said.

The speech which Mr. Bevin will not be released before delivery.

After the ceremony Mr. Bevin will return immediately to London, probably on the night train ferry.

The spokesman also announced that the text of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty will be released tomorrow at 6 p.m.—United Press.

CONTRABAND FROM H.K.

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

More than 550 ounces of gold bars smuggled from Manila and contraband ginseng from Hong Kong were found by Customs inspectors aboard the steamers Tauling and Hangyang when they arrived in Amoy yesterday, according to Chinese reports.

A detailed investigation into the two smuggling cases is now being conducted.—Reuter.

Big Haul Of Opium

Raw opium worth $30,000 was seized on board the s.s. "Tsinan" yesterday by Revenue Officers. Three passengers were arrested.

Boarding the vessel on its arrival from Swatow yesterday morning, Revenue Officers seized more than 300 taels.

Of the total, 240 taels were discovered in tin containers concealed in hollowed-out bundles of paper. The rest was found in a Chinese clay stove and hidden in the woodwork of a folding table.

Bizarre Torture Murder

New York, Mar. 17.

The bizarre circumstances of a Chinese torture murder among Manhattan skyscrapers has forced baffled New York detectives to broadcast a 13-State alarm for a suspect, whose description was assembled in jigsaw puzzle fashion from momentary glances of several witnesses.

The victim was Harvey Haeberle, 35, civilian employee of the U.S. Navy Photographic Division, who was found strangled in a ransacked hotel room.

Detectives said the method by which the knotted bedclothes were tied behind his back and attached to his throat was a device used by the Chinese for centuries to make victims torture themselves to death.

The composite description of the killer, painstakingly built up from statements by hotel staff and visitors, was that of a husky young man of about 26, in a red and black striped woollen jacket and blue denim trousers.—Our Own Correspondent.

GURKHAS FOR HONG KONG

New Delhi, Mar. 16.

The Headquarters of British Gurkha troops in India closed in New Delhi yesterday.

The last ship taking British Gurkhas to Malaya and Hong Kong is leaving Calcutta on Saturday.—Associated Press.

Shipping Attacked On Yangtse

Nanking, Mar. 16.

Two Chinese steamships were attacked by Communists in the Yangtse River 180 miles above Hankow on March 13, the semi-official Central News Agency reported.

The vessels, identified as the Mingsoo and Minghou, were fired upon from both banks of the river between Chienli and Shihhou, the report said. Several naval gunboats which reached the area the following day drove the Reds from the river banks and established a convoy system for other ships which had been held up.

The Communists, however, continued to harass the convoy, and traffic confirm reports that the Communists were infiltrating into the great Tungting Lake area below the Yangtse, south-west of Hankow.

This region, with its network of small waterways, provides many inaccessible hide-outs from which small Communist bands can dart to make swift raids on the Yangtse traffic.

PRINCESS INDISPOSED

Glasgow, Mar. 16.

Princess Margaret was slightly indisposed and two doctors were called to her hotel suite after her arrival to receive the freedom of the city.

The Glasgow Lord Provost said in a statement: "Owing to slight indisposition Her Royal Highness has rearranged her programme for the forenoon. Her visit to the art gallery is being cancelled."

The nature of her ailment was not revealed. She arrived after an overnight trip from London.—United Press.

Merchant Ships To Be Armed

Washington, Mar. 16.

A Bill authorising the arming of United States merchant ships in a time of national emergency was passed by the Senate here today.

The purpose of the Bill is to make the authorisation permanent as the Act for the arming of merchant ships during the last war was repealed last year.

A national emergency is defined as "any time at which the President determines that the security of the United States is threatened through the application, or the imminent danger of application, of physical force by any foreign Government or agency against the United States, its citizens, their property or commercial interests."—Reuter.

Agreement With Macao

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

The Central Bank of China today announced as becoming effective on March 18, the new Chinese-Macao trade agreement in which the Macao authorities will curtail the re-export of Chinese goods in cooperation with the Central Bank.

Items which will be re-exported from Macao only if cleared by the Central Bank include antimony, bristles, cotton yarn, tea, tin, wolfram and a wide variety of vegetable oils.

The agreement, in addition to applying to the re-export of Chinese goods, also applies to the shipment of such goods through Macao.—United Press.

Colonial Pooling Of Resources

London, Mar. 16.

Existence of a plan for pooling Britain's colonial resources with those of other European powers was hinted by British sources today.

Inclusion of Africa into the scheme for European economic recovery was said to be the backbone of the plan which would result in the linking of the colonial economic resources of Britain, Belgium and France.

Mr. Bevin, before his departure, discussed the implications envisaged in close economic cooperation with Western Europe with the High Commissioners of the Dominions. A Foreign Government source said Mr. Bevin explained to them the "inevitable consequences" of Britain's, determined new move in Europe.

The Star said today that Mr. Bevin warned the High Commissioners that reduction of Imperial Preferences may have to be suggested before long to reconcile Britain's special position in the Empire with her obligations to Europe. The effects of these reductions would allow Europe's manufactured goods to compete on even terms with Britain in the Empire markets and minimise the favourable treatment enjoyed by Britain when buying goods from the Dominions, the report said.

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PICTURE OF THE DAY

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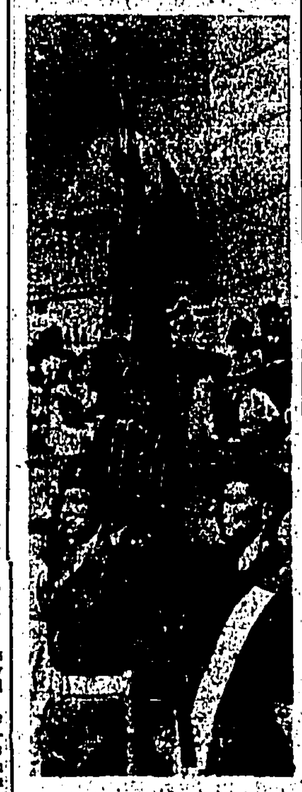

The Regimental Colours of the 1st. Bn. Somerset Light Infantry — the last British troops to leave India — being displayed at Bombay before the troops embarked for U.K.

Serious Water Situation

If Hong Kong's serious rainfall shortage continues for the next two months, further restrictions in supply will have to be imposed on the public, a Waterworks official said yesterday.

He added that the Department in appealing to the public in a statement yesterday to use water stringently is taking reasonable precautions to prevent an emergency.

The Colony's rainy season occurs each year between May and September and up to six months ago the reservoirs were full and so no restrictions were enforced. Since that time however less than normal winter rains have fallen and this now necessitates caution in distribution. Based on records of the last 50 years, average rainfall for October is 4¼ inches; November 1.6; December 1 inch; January 1¼ inches; February 2 inches and March 3 inches. Comparative figures for the last six months show: October rainfall as .7 of an inch; November .6; December .35; January 1.2 inches; February .2 inches; and this month so far .04 rainfall has been recorded.

New Radio Station

Manila, Mar. 16.

A new radio station, to be known as the Far Eastern Broadcasting Corporation, will shortly be installed here, according to the FEBC President, Mr. John C. Broger, who arrived here yesterday from the United States with a staff of radio technicians and engineers who will take charge of the installation.

Mr. Broger said the new station will officially be on the air on July 4, the Philippine Independence Day.—Reuter.

DENMARK AND RUSSIA

Copenhagen, Mar. 16

The Danish Government has been informed by Moscow that the Soviet Government is not too enthusiastic about the way in which Russia is being treated by the Danish Press. A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday. This was in answer to a Danish protest against Russian newspaper charges that Denmark had entered into a secret alliance with the Western Powers.

Reds Closing In On Changchun

Nanking, Mar. 16.

Pro-Government reports today said that the Communists after capturing Szepingkai are now closing in on Changchun—the only remaining major Government bastion in central Manchuria, the fall of which would reduce the Nationalist corridor and wipe out the Government inland bastions which so far have resisted capture.

The Reds reportedly are massed around Changchun, and two other divisions are moving toward Fanchiatun and Kungchuling, 15 and 30 miles south of Changchun.

One Communist Mongolian cavalry division was deployed at Nangan and Fulungchun, 35 and 45 miles north-west of Chungchun. Other Communist units are moving toward Changchun from Kirin.

Remnants of the Szepingkai garrison have broken through the Communist ring and headed south.

Government General Wei Li-huang's headquarters, announcing the retreat from Szepingkai, said the evacuation was made in accordance with prearranged plans and claimed it will not affect that Government position in Manchuria.

Meanwhile, Government forces heading from Mukden were reported to have recaptured Linchung, a strategic point 40 miles southwest of Mukden.

Shantung Danger

Other reports said the Communists are knocking at the outskirts of Tsinan giving rise to the belief in military quarters here that the Reds are planning to mount new offensives in other areas of China Proper, particularly Kaifung Province.

Some sources said it was possible the Reds would seek to move against Tsingtao but U.S. Navy sources in Tsingtao several times recently discounted such a possibility even though the Reds would be at the railhead leading to Tsingtao if they capture Tsinan.

The Reds are at present 60 miles from Tsingtao which is also the headquarters of the U.S. Navy West Pacific Command.—United Press.

RANSOM ASKED FOR MARINES

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

The Chinese Communists were reported to be asking ransom of US$120,000 for the return of four American Marines captured in Shantung Province on Christmas Day.

Navy sources here said they could neither confirm nor deny the report.—Associated Press.

SWEDEN GETTING READY

Stockholm, Mar. 16.

General Helge Jung, the Swedish Commander in Chief, handed a memorandum to the Government today demanding measures for strengthening Sweden's military preparedness.

The general's plans included a call-up of more men, the elimination of the shortages of war material and ammunition, and the building of new fortifications and airfields.

Disagreement between East and West had deepened, the general said in his memorandum, but he did not believe an open conflict was imminent.

The Western powers, in his view, were hardly prepared for war and Soviet Russia was probably still too weak after the last war. On the other hand, it was evident that Russia was working to consolidate her own security system in Europe and was not hesitating to use very harsh methods.—Reuter.

Significant Talks In Nanking

Nanking, Mar. 16.

Military leaders and Governors of Central China will open a five-day conference here on March 20 for the purpose of guaranteeing the security of the area below the Yellow River from Communist attacks, the local Chenli News Agency reported.

This report said the Governors and military commanders of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Anhwei, Hunan, Hupei and Kiangsi provinces have received Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's order to report in Nanking. The Generalissimo will preside over the conference, this agency reported.

Plans will be drawn, it said, for:

(1) Improved organisation and training of local militia.

(2) Revision of the systems of conscription and food supply.

(2) Arranging accommodations for refugee students.

(4) Recommending land and taxation reforms.

(5) Studying co-ordination of traffic and communications.

(6) Improving control over essential materials in various pacification areas.—Associated Press.

Shares Hit The Ceiling

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

Quotations for foreign and Chinese shares today hit the ceiling for the day's trading as speculators switched over from black market United States dollar and gold bar dealings.

While the United States dollar was quoted at CN$450,000—the same as two days ago—Chinese shares shot up as much as 16% within a few hour this afternoon.

The Weather

A strong anticyclone centred over Manchuria covers China and Japan, and a weak ridge extends E over the China Sea. A shallow depression E of Okinawa is moving E.

Today's Forecast—Moderate or fresh E winds. Cloudy at first, becoming fair during the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum:	71.6° (on)	Feb.
Minimum:	64.8 (on)	Feb.
Sunshine:	2.2 hours.	
Rainfall:	0.0 mm.	0.0 in. Total since Jan. 1—42.6 mm. = 1.80 ins as against an average of 114.1 mm. = 4.57 ins.
	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Readings at		
Barometer at M.S.L.	1017.9	1014.4 m.b.
Temperature	66.9°	69.8° Inches.
Rel. Humidity	65%	73%
Dew Point	61	62 (on) Dec. 7
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Wind Force	10	14 Knots

GOLD SEIZURE

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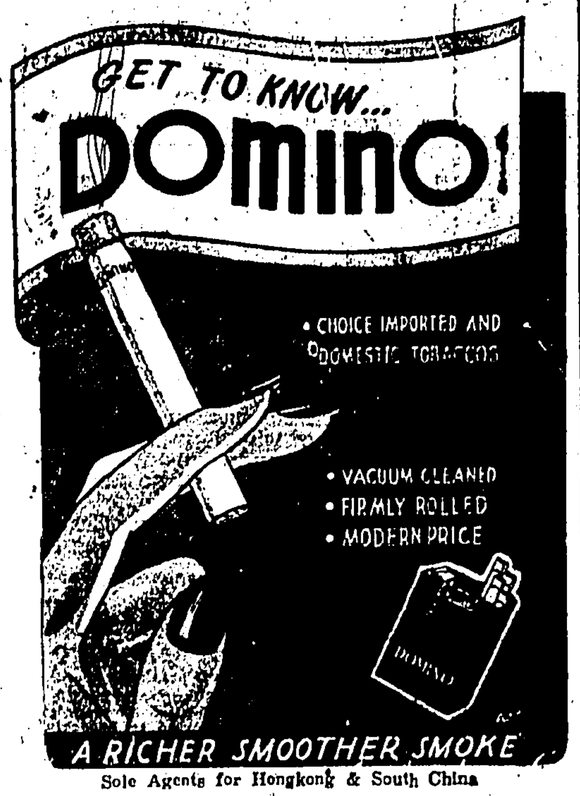

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SOLDIERS' "BAD CONDUCT"

Magistrate's Remarks At Kowloon Court

Solicitor Gives Evidence

"I came very, very close to thinking of giving them a term of prison as their conduct has been very bad," said Mr. W. H. Latimer on convicting Privates Gerstrom Jensen (26) and Neumann B. Larsen (21), 2nd Buffs., on charges of assaulting PC 2786, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct on March 13.

Jensen, who was also found guilty of interfering with car 376 by attempting to start the engine at Middle Road, was fined a total of $175 (or six weeks' hard labour), and Larsen $100 or three weeks' hard labour.

Mr. R.S. Smith said, in evidence, that about 10.30 p.m. on March 13 he was driving his car along Middle Road, towards Star Ferry, when he saw two men in Mr. J.P. Inglis' car which was parked outside the Kowloon Hotel.

"Very Drunk"

He got out of his car, said witness to see whether the two men were friends of Mr. Inglis. He saw the "taller of the two" (second accused) "rolling about the seat to the right of the other man, obviously very drunk."

The other man, continued witness, was trying to start the car. Realising that neither were friends of Mr. Irglis, said Mr. Smith, he flagged Traffic Constable 2786, who was passing on a motor-cycle, and told him "in semi-English and semi-Cantonese" that he (witness) thought the two men had no right to be in the car.

He later saw the constable speaking to the two men, who had already got out of the car, and saw the "shorter man" (first accused) swing a blow at the constable. First defendant then grabbed hold of the constable's belt, while the second accused was shouting something which witness could not understand.

Witness went on to say that he drove to the Water Police Station and asked the Inspector-on-Duty to send assistance. Three constables were detailed to return to the scene with him.

While the two defendants were being taken to the Water Police Station by the four constables they continued to struggle.

Very Violent

In the Chargeroom, said witness, defendants were exceedingly violent and were not restrained until two European Inspectors had gone to the assistance of the six constables who were holding on to them.

After they had been handcuffed, Larsen kept repeating, "I am Danish. You can't do that to me." He then fell on to the floor and became violently sick.

First defendant, said witness, appeared to be in full possession of all his faculties and wanted to know whether he was in the hands of the S.S. or the Russian Police. He was told that he was in a British Colony and in the hands of the British Police.

Jensen then asked why they were being detained and was told that he would be informed of the charges against them in due course. At that, he again asserted that they must be in the hands of the S.S. Police.

"Out For Count"

Continuing, Mr Smith said Jensen asked whether the handcuffs could be taken off, and was told that if he promised to behave properly they could be. Larsen, by this time, was "out for the count," said Mr. Smith.

Witness concluded by saying that he then wrote out his own statement, in which he included the recommendation that the behaviour of Traffic constable 2786 be brought to the attention of the Magistrate. The constable very commendably tackled, and held on, to the two men.

Corroborative evidence was also given by Traffic Constable 2786 and PSI Hung Hung-cheung. The latter added that second accused was brought in by four constables and SI Summers of the Water Police, while first defendant was brought into the Station by Inspector H.J. Baldwin.

Admiral Hanged

Rear-Admiral Tamura Ryukichi, convicted by the Australian War Crimes Court last December of war atrocities, was hanged at Stanley Prison at 7 a.m. yesterday.

Tamura, together with five others, was found guilty of massacring 28 Australian civilian internees at or near Kavieng in New Ireland in March 1944.

He was sentenced to death, while his fellow prisoners were given various terms of imprisonment.

An inquest was held before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a verdict of judicial hanging was returned.

Personalia

Messrs. T. A. Williams, Wang Yen-chao and B. Mann arrived in Hong Kong on Monday from the United Kingdom by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat. Other passengers were Messrs. Ping, P. Franklim, Terrell, Berrington, Ting Ah-mor, Chang Cheow-nam, J. N. Nicholson, Chong Sew-roong, Hoare, T. S. Chang and C. Jersey.

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Mr. A. J. H. Carey, past President of St. Patrick's Society, who is leaving Shanghai shortly for the United States on retirement from the Shell Co., was honoured at luncheon by members of the Committee of the Society recently in Shanghai.

During the course of the luncheon Mr. Carey was informed that the Committee had elected Mr. Carey an honorary life member of the Society.

This is an honour which has been accorded only three former Presidents of St. Patrick's Society, namely, the late Sir Sidney Barton, Brother Faust and Mr. H. G. Sims.

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Commander J. M. Pomeranz has left the Peninsula Hotel.

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Mr. J. Turner, Mr. E. Illingworth, Mr. Knut Myre, Mrs. V. Thowsen, Mrs. S. V. Bailey and Mr. T. A. Williams are among new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel.

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The forthcoming weddings have been announced:

Mr. Germano Augusto de Pinna, bank assistant, 37 Kimberley Road, 1st floor, to Miss Sarah Maria dos Remedios, Stenographer, 29 Granville Road.

Mr. Alberto Luiz Lopes, meter reader, 28 Ashley Road, 2nd floor, to Miss Lily Mak, 49 South Wall Road, 1st floor.

Application Fails

An unsuccessful application for rescission of a closure order in respect of the first floor of 25, Chiu Loong Street was made by the tenant Ho Luk before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The closure order was made following the conviction of one of the sub-tenants in September last on a charge of keeping an opium divan in one of the cubicles and of several persons smoking opium on the premises.

Mr. Stewart represented the applicant, and Mr. Fred Zimmern appeared for the landlord.

For evading payment of tramfare, Tam Kam, 28, Army Telephone linesman, and Wang Keung, 23, coolie, before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday, were each fined $50 or 14 days.

VARSITY ALUMNI MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong University Alumni Association yesterday, the following officers were elected:

President: Dr. Lee Hah Liong; Vice-President: Dr. C. W. Lam; Hon. Vice-Presidents: Mr. The Hon. D. J. Sloss, Mr. The Hon. A. Morse, Dr. The Hon. S. N. Chau; Hon. Secretary: Dr. K. D. Ling & Dr. See Chuan Jin; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Cheung Shiu-tong; Committee Members: Dr. D. K. Shmy, Dr. Goh Kok Aun, Mr. J. Pau, Mrs. D. Bentley, Dr. C. Y. Lai, Dr. K. T. Loke, Mr. G. Hong-Choy, Mr. Yau Fung Hon; Hon. Auditor: Mr. Y. H. Kan.

Reminders

Today

Royal Air Forces Association luncheon, Cock & Pullet, Duddell Street, 12.45 p.m.

Society of St. George, Hong Kong, annual meeting, Jockey Club board room, Exchange Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

Star Ferry Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

St. Patrick's Society, laying wreath at Cenotaph, 9 a.m.

Talk on "Different Types of Crime" by Mr. Latimer, European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.

Talk on "Personality and Attraction" by Capt. A.E. Luff, to Psychology Class, European Y.M.C.A., 2.30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Spring Fashion Show, Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.

H.K. Electric Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, P. & O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

Lady Child Class Association at-Hall, Cathedral, St. John's Cathedral, 3 p.m.

European In Bus Accident

A European passenger on a bus coming into town from Taikoo Dock along King's Road, was injured in the head by broken glass when the bus was involved in an accident at the junction of King's Road and Tin Chu Road about 2 p.m. yesterday.

It appeared that the bus ran into the lorry when the latter was turning into Tin Chu Road. The bus tried to pull up but failed to do so in time.

The front of the bus and the left side of the lorry were dented, and a street hydrant damaged.

Though the bus was about half full, the European, who was seated in front, was the only one injured. He was able to leave unaided, and his identity is unknown.

COURT RESERVES JUDGMENT

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), on an appeal for an order that the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal granting an eviction order in respect of 43 Mongkok Road, Kowloon, be reversed.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the appellants, Lo Mow hung, Kin Hing Firm, Yan Woo Firm, Cheung Kee Firm and Wong Wan.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. Y. K. Kan of Messrs. Lo & Lo, appeared for the respondents, The Nam Wan Investment Company.

UNUSUAL STEP BY FULL COURT

An unusual step was taken yesterday by the Full Court on an appeal against severity of sentence, when it allowed the appeal and ordered that the conviction and judgment in respect of the appellant be set aside and annulled, and that appellant appear at the next Criminal Sessions and there plead to and answer an indictment for possession of arms.

The appeal was by Wong Sin-to, who was sentenced at the last Criminal Sessions to three years' imprisonment with hard labour when he pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of arms.

The Full Court before whom the appeal was heard comprised Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice T.J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

Mr. J. Reynolds appeared on behalf of the Crown.

Addressing the Court on his own behalf, appellant said that he was a travelling trader. He travelled between Hong Kong and Shuikwan and dealt in preserved meat and dried bamboo shoots. He did not know the laws of Hong Kong. He did not know how to obtain a licence to possess a knife. He asked the Court, if it was in a position to do so, to reduce his sentence. He really carried the knife, which was found in his possession, for the purpose of his trade and had no criminal intent.

Replying, Mr. Reynolds said that the appeal was against severity of sentence. He could argue that the sentence was correct, as the circumstances under which appellant was arrested leaned strongly to the fact that he was in possession of the dagger unlawfully. The particulars given by appellant in the last paragraph of his notice of appeal seemed to indicate that he was appealing against conviction. The Court had authority to treat an appeal against sentence as an appeal against conviction.

Mr. Reynolds submitted that if the Court held that the plea of guilty by appellant was an informal plea and incomplete, it should follow the procedure laid down in the case of William Baker 7 CAR 217.

Some Doubt

Mr. Justice Williams then intimated that as appellant had been sentenced by him, the decision of the Court would be pronounced by Mr. Justice Gould, who said:

"This is an application for leave to appeal against sentence and as it is a very brief matter, that application will be treated as the appeal. In the circumstances of the case, it would be treated as an appeal against conviction. It appears from what the appellant now says and from what he put in his grounds of application for leave to appeal and from the notes of what took place when he was first arraigned, that there is some doubt as to whether what he then said constituted a complete plea of 'guilty.'

"It appears that there may be an issue of fact which should be tried by a jury and therefore the Court proposes to follow the procedure which was laid down in the case quoted by Crown Counsel, that of William Baker 7 CAR 217.

"The Court orders that the appeal be allowed and that the conviction and judgment be set aside and annulled and that the appellant do appear at the next Criminal Sessions of this Court, and there to plead and answer an indictment for possession of arms. In the meantime, he should be remanded in custody."

Control Of Herds In Hong Kong

Subject to Legislative Council approval, the Urban Council yesterday amended the Public Health (Food) Ordinance making it compulsory for dairymen to keep herd registers.

Dr. J.P. Fehily, Chairman of the Council, said that the amendment, by-law 18A, would ensure the keeping of accurate records to show the composition of herds and thus enable the Council to secure more effective control over the movements of animals and limit the spread of infectious disease.

In addition, he explained, the possibilities of illegal slaughter and the disposal or sale for human consumption of the carcasses of animals which have died of disease would be greatly reduced.

The new by-law also provides for the medical examination of persons engaged in or employed in dairies if and when a Health Officer considers it advisable or necessary.

The Council also approved an amendment to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance to cope with the problem of laundries with insufficient rooms.

Discretion

Dr. Fehily said that provision of separate rooms for soiled and clean clothes required under the Laundries by-law in premises used as laundries is not always possible. The difficulties of securing alternative premises were fully appreciated by the Council, and Dr Fehily, and explained that the amendment would allow the Council to exercise its discretion and modify requirements if and when it was considered desirable. The alternative arrangements may consist of cabinets or other receptacles designed and constructed to the satisfaction of the Council.

At the same meeting yesterday, the Council rejected an application for a laundry licence and an application for a food factory. The premises of the applicants were unsuitable and unsatisfactory.

CONCERT

A concert of classical music, sponsored by the French Society of Art and Literature will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday at 7 p.m.

Main attractions on the programme are piano compositions by Madame Nguyen Van Ty, Premier Prix du Conservatoire de Musique de Paris.

Loitering With Intent

Wan Chiu Fuk, Loung Pat and Au Yan, were arraigned before Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday charged with loitering with intent to commit a felony.

First defendant was additionally charged with burglary on the top floor of No. 180 Hennessy Road on Feb. 17, and with attempting to burgle the third floor of No. 342 Lockhart Road on March 10.

First defendant was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Second defendant was sentenced to six weeks and to be expelled for five years, while third defendant who stated that he was Hong Kong born, with his mother in court to substantiate his statement, was given six weeks and ordered to be under police supervision for 12 months.

All burglary implements seized were ordered to be confiscated.

Inspector R. MacKenzie prosecuted.

Li So, female, charged before Mr. F.X. d'Almada with being the Keeper of an opium divan on the roof of No. 5 Chung Sau Street was fined $500 or four months. She told the Court she was an habitual smoker and smoked because of her poor health.

Locomotive Ship Leaving To-Day

The only one of her type as far as locomotive-carrying capacity is concerned, the s.s. "Benalbanach" which arrived in Hong Kong for the first time on March 8 from Antwerp is scheduled to leave harbour today for Shanghai with 22 locomotives and tenders.

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Hong Kong Findings Contrary To Facts

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"I have referred to these general matters first so that I might bring the details back to your mind and so that the factual discussion of the errors which occurred may be kept in their true perspective.

Terrible Fate

"In discussing this subject it must never be forgotten at any time that the mistakes which were made did not affect men who were merely being moved from the training camp to another, or from one garrison to another, but that they affected men who went into what was known to be a probable theatre of war without even a fighting chance, and that they affected men who in a few short weeks suffered as terrible a fate as can befall soldiers on active service.....'

"The commissioner says in his report:

"'We should remind ourselves once again that in October, 1941, there were no hostilities in the Pacific and the best informed opinion available to the Canadian authorities was that hostilities would not arise in the near future.'

"You know that this finding of the commissioner is directly contrary to the facts. You will recall that you received messages before the dispatch of the Hongkong force which left no doubt whatever that the British Government was of the opinion that it was necessary to take stock of the situation in the Pacific. You know that you received one message which stated in explicit terms that the time had come to reckon with the possibility of an early attack.

"Complete Warning"

"Let me refer particularly to two messages of October 24th. One of these was a lengthy dispatch quoting from an earlier dispatch on October 18th.

"I have good reasons for remembering that particular message. It had been withheld from the record. It was not produced during the hearing.

"It was only six days after we had completed and forwarded written agreements that I saw it for the first time and read it to the commissioner.

"It contained the most complete warning of the possibility of early hostilities. The other message of the same date is, however, included in the record. It was not introduced by commission counsel. It would not have been produced at all had I not recalled one of the intelligence officers on the last afternoon. This was merely one of many examples of the difficulty I encountered in obtaining the facts because of the determined effort to withhold information.

"That message referred in specific terms to the 'altered circumstances.' It was a message of the utmost importance because it showed that the British Admiralty was acting upon the assumption that danger had increased in the Pacific and that in addition to the escort already arranged for the troopship, the cruiser escort was being provided from Manila to Hongkong.

"In spite of that message, and of the other message which he read on the last day we appeared in Ottawa, the commissioner quotes in support of his findings, these words of General Stuart:

"'Yes, and there were no wires received by us during that period from the United Kingdom that indicated any change in the situation.'

"Having regard to the messages which were placed before him, this finding of the commissioner is utterly incomprehensible.....

"The impression is conveyed that the British Government did not communicate any warning to the Government of Canada. That is not so.....

Could Not Be Held

"The evidence also is clear that never from the beginning to the end of the time that this subject was under consideration was there any thought that Hongkong could be held in the event of war with Japan. Years ago a report prepared for the Department of National Defence and on record at the Inquiry had stated the 'with Japan against us, Hongkong could not be held.' That had been an accepted fact ever since.....

"If you are in doubt on this point you need only refer to a message from Canadian military headquarters reviewing the whole situation, which made it clear that additional troops sent to Hongkong were never expected to bring the total forces there up to the size required for actual operations.....

"Another thing that makes it extremely difficult to understand the finding by the commissioner that there was no reason for the Canadian Government to consider the likelihood of an early attack is the positive evidence of Major Power, who was the acting Minister of National Defence at the time of the dispatch of this force due to the absence of Colonel Ralston, who had left for England on October 11th. This is what he said:

"'I felt, perhaps without any sound basis except having read these dispatches, that there was a very good chance of war breaking out with Japan, and in such a case our men would be in a very difficult position.'

"These are the words of the man directly responsible to the War Committee and to the public at that time for the administrative direction of our land forces. Those words, not quoted or explained by the commissioner cannot possibly be reconciled with the findings in his report.....

Positive Evidence

"The Commissioner reports that there is no evidence that these men suffered any detriment because they did not have their water carriers and other vehicles during the unequal struggle with the Japanese.

"There was evidence—positive evidence. There was tragic and appealing evidence which should stir the soul of anyone capable of being moved and with sufficient understanding of military affairs to know what those men were going through after the water mains had been broken by Japanese artillery and they were forced to move from position to position with their great mass of heavy weapons.

"In the record of the evidence at the inquiry are copies of cables from Hongkong, sent during the course of the fighting containing such statements as these:

"'Water and transport situation still very grave.'

"'Water and transport situations critical.'

"'(Men) now very tired.'

".....The Commissioner finds that there was no evidence whatever to suggest that the force suffered any detriment because of the absence of water and transport vehicles. Why did the commissioner make no reference to these messages in his report?"—United Press.

The March Sessions

The March Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. tomorrow, when pleas in the following cases will be taken by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice):

Lui Nung, armed robbery and possession of arms.

Chan Kwong alias Lam Wing, breach of a deportation order.

Ip Yee, Wan Ming and Wan Kwai-to, conspiracy to rob and possession of arms and ammunition.

Bertram William Knight and Lam Yip, indecent assault and gross indecency.

Chan Cheung, rape.

Reginald Swinton Boult, Branwell James Duckett, Harry Adamson and Jaffer Mahommed Alarakia, larceny by servant, misprison of felony and possession of arms and ammunition.

Tang Yuen-fan alias Hak Tau, burglary.

Yip Yee, Yau Kan alias Yau Shu, Wong Yiu-wah alias Wong Chai and Cheung Ping-wo, robbery by two or more.

Wong Sin-to, possession of arms.

Tenancy Tribunal Entitled To Take Hearsay Evidence

Dismissing an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal yesterday, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), said that a Tenancy Tribunal was entitled to listen to hearsay evidence, but should not be encouraged to admit such evidence generally.

The appeal was brought by the Mee Nam and Tai Leung Restaurants against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal granting an eviction order in favour of Li Woo-shi, agent for Li Wing-woo, in respect of 45-47 Yik Yam Street, Ground Floor, Happy Valley.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ, appeared for the appellants. The respondent was represented by Mr. D.A.L. Wright instructed by Mr. Sidney Ng Quinn of Messrs. Britton and Company.

In the course of his submissions on behalf of the appellants, Mr. Lo said that the Tribunal was wrong in admitting hearsay evidence and also in admitting the application of the respondent contrary to the weight of the evidence. Mr. Lo further submitted that no operative notice to quit had been given by the respondent to the appellants. The appellant being still the legal and not the statutory tenants of the premises, the Tribunal had no power to make the order for eviction.

After Mr. Wright had replied, Mr. Justice Gould held that the appeal failed and fixed costs against the appellant at $250. Mr. Justice Gould also remarked that the Tenancy Tribunal was entitled to listen to evidence under the special rule in which power is given to a Tribunal to do so. Tribunals should not, however, be encouraged to admit hearsay evidence generally, but in each case it must be taken in the particular circumstances as also the weight to be given to the evidence when admitted.

Police Raid At Lin Ma Hang

"The gentleman, Mr. Siu Tin-loi, whom the defence allege threatened the accused, is the Commissioner of Police in Po On, who actually gave us the information," said Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall when Mr. P. J. Griffiths pleaded that Yip Yuen (23), described as a smuggler, carried the two pistols found on him "because he went in fear of Siu Tin-loi's threats."

Yip was before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of possession of two automatic pistols and 30 rounds of ammunition at 90 Lin Ma Hang village, Tukuling, on Feb. 27.

Lai Kun-li (27) farmer, Chan Kun-ying (22) unemployed, and Yip Luk (19) also described as a smuggler, who were originally charged with Yip Yuen, were discharged on the prosecution withdrawing the count against them.

Outlining the facts, DSI Wall said that on the night of Feb. 27 information was received by the British Police from the Po On Police that a party of men, with arms, would be attending a wedding at Lin Ma Hang Village.

Two posse of Hong Kong Police, (under Div-Supt. Fraser, Chief Inspector McHardy and DSI Wall), with the full co-operation of the Po On Police converged on the village.

As one party of the local Police, under CI McHardy, was approaching 90 Lin Ma Hang Village they saw a Chinese male dash into the house. The Police rushed into the house after him and saw him drop a Mauser pistol on to the floor.

Fully Loaded

CI McHardy and Det. 1696 pounced on the man and grappled with him. Searched, the man, alleged to be defendant, was found to have another pistol against his left hip. Both pistols were fully loaded.

DSI Wall concluded by asking for a serious view of the case to be taken as both pistols were fully loaded and ready for instant use.

Ip Kit-ming, Village Elder of Lin Ma Hang, called by the defence to testify as to accused's character, said that he knew defendant from boyhood and that Yip bore a very good character.

During the Japanese occupation, said witness, Yip served in the Chinese National Army as a private. He had never been mixed up in any quarrel in the village.

Mr. Griffiths, in his plea for leniency, said that Lin Ma Hang Village gained a very high reputation during the Occupation for its assistance to people escaping from Hong Kong.

Recently there has been a series of outrages on the border of Kowloon and the Lin Ma Hang villagers became apprehensive of their own safety.

Money Demand

Money had been demanded from defendant by a man called Siu Tin-loi, said Mr. Griffiths. Siu, said defence counsel, had some connections with a village in the Chinese Territory which, for some reason, had adopted a hostile attitude towards Lin Ma Hang.

The weapons, submitted Mr. Griffiths, were purchased by accused from the proceeds realised on the sale of his paddy fields, and were bought because Yip "went in fear of Siu's threats."

Pleading for clemency, Mr. Griffiths said defendant was the sole "rice winner" of his mother, wife, younger brother and sister.

In view of the motive behind his purchasing the arms, continued defence counsel, he would ask for the imposition of a fine instead of a prison sentence on "this young man who is practically on the threshold of life."

DSI Wall, in reply to the Magistrate, said that Mr. Siu Tin-loi is actually the Commissioner of Police in Po On and the gentleman who furnished the Hong Kong Police with the information.

There was no necessity for accused to carry weapons as every village had its own armed guards.

The Village Elder, recalled, stated that there were five rifles for the use of the guards at Lin Ma Hang.

Remarking that the pistols exhibited in Court looked "very powerful weapons, Mr. Latimer said that he had intended to sentence accused to three years' hard labour but in view of what he had heard, he had decided to pass sentence of 18 months' hard labour.

The arms and ammunition were confiscated.

OPIUM CHARGE

Arrested by Revenue Officer 92 at the K.C.R. Station on Monday, two Chinese appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of possession of raw opium.

Lau Hing (30), with 28 taels, was fined $2,500, while Wong Chong (40), found with nine taels, was mulcted in the sum of $900 (or five months' imprisonment).

Revenue Officer Knox prosecuted.

CEREMONY AT BARRACKS

Major K.D.H. Rowlette, 1st. Bn. Inniskilling Fusiliers, was presented with the American Bronze Star yesterday by Mr. George D. Hopper, American Consul-General in Hong Kong.

The presentation was made on behalf of the American Government in the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks following the ceremonial St. Patrick's Day parade.

Major Rowlette earned the award for meritorious service with the American forces in North Africa and Italy.

LENT SERVICES

Lenten Mission services, comprising The Rosary, Sermon and Benediction, will be held both at the Catholic Cathedral, Hong Kong (commencing at 6 p.m.) and St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon (commencing at 6.30 p.m.), daily, from today to March 24.

The preacher in the Cathedral will be the Rev. Fr. J. McAsey, S.J., while the Rev. J. Sheridan, S.J. will preach in St. Teresa's Church.

Banishees Sentenced

Arrested by Detective 1033 outside 60 Sai Tau Village at 8.40 a.m. on March 14, on suspicion of being a life banishee, Ko Sheung-kwai (27) was found to have been convicted, on May 14 last, on two charges of demanding money with menaces and two of impersonating a Police officer.

Appearing before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of breach of the deportation order, Ko was sentenced to a year's hard labour and recommended for re-banishment.

The same sentence was meted out to Chan Pak (29) who was arrested by Detective 102 outside 16 Shanghai Street at 2.20 p.m. on March 14.

Chan, said Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, had three previous convictions for larceny and was banished for life on Feb. 21 this year.

A talk on "Modern application of Radar" will be given by Mr. Gowdie at the Kowloon Rotary Club's weekly luncheon on Friday at the Peninsula Hotel.

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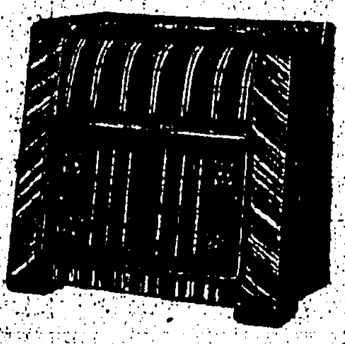

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1948. C. E. TERRY, Manager & Secretary.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hongkong on Wednesday, 24th day of March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 10th to the 24th day of March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON, Secretary

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 27th and Monday 29th March 1948 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 18th March 1948.

By Order,

S.A. Sleap Actg. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Australian Subscription Ponies 1949.

The Stewards have ordered a batch of Australian Subscription ponies to race in 1949 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

The Subscription List will close with Wednesday, 17th March, 1948.

Application forms may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

By Order,

S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1948.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society will be held on Wednesday, 17th March, 1948, in the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, at 5.30 p.m.

The Agenda for the Meeting is as follows:

1. To receive the Accounts of the Society for the year 1947, together with the Report of the Committee for that year.
2. The election of Officers.
3. Arrangements for St. George's Day celebrations.
4. Any other business.

All Englishmen, whether members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

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An attempt to revive the Hong Kong branch of the Association is being made, and a meeting will be held at the British Military Hosp., Bowen Rd., on Friday, 19 March, 1948 at 1800 hrs.

All serving and ex-members of the R.A.M.C. are cordially invited.

B.M.H., Bowen Rd.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Thursday, the 18th day of March 1948 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th March to the 18th March 1948, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of MENASHE GREENFIELD alias MORRIS GREENFIELD late of No. 48 Beldema Street, San Francisco in the State of California, U.S.A. deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 4th April, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 5th day of March, 1948.

DEACONS Solicitors for the Administratrix, Prince's Building, Hongkong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of FREDERICK JOHN WILLIAM FOCKEN late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Captain, Royal Army Service Corps, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 4th April, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 5th day March, 1948.

DEACONS Solicitors for Executrix. Prince's Building. Hongkong.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of MARIAN or MARIAN ABBAS late of the Indian Destitutes Centre Sai Yeung Chol Street, Kowloon in the Colony of Hong Kong Widow deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 8th day of April, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 15th day of March, 1948.

A. El ARCULLI, Solicitor for the Official Administrator of the Estate of the said deceased. Kayamally Building, 2nd floor, Hongkong.

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MPs IN OVERCOATS: STRIKE ALSO AFFECTS BUCKINGHAM PALACE

London, Mar. 15.

King George and Queen Elizabeth, returning this afternoon from Windsor to Buckingham Palace, found that a strike of Government-employed stokers had cut off all running hot water and central heating.

In Parliament, similarly affected by the strike, Members were given permission to wear their overcoats during debate.

Government buildings in all parts of London were affected when 1,400 stokers—officially known as assistant engineers—stopped work to press their demands for a 6d per hour wage increase.

Three hundred liftmen who joined the strike in sympathy with the stokers added to the inconvenience and discomfort.

With a possibility of a spread of the stoppage, arms and atomic research establishments may be handicapped tomorrow, a member of the strike committee stated.

A Buckingham Palace official told Reuter tonight: "There is no running hot water in the whole Palace and none for central heating. If hot water is wanted, it has to be boiled on a fire—just as anywhere else when a thing like this happens.

"Their Majesties have no special engagements at Buckingham Palace for the next several weeks so there has been no need for any cancellations."

Cold Debating

Members of Parliament heard of the strike before they entered the building, for a group of the strikers met them outside and explained why they would find it cold debating in the Chamber.

Immediately the Speaker took his seat, he was questioned about the strike, and he replied that he knew nothing more than had appeared in the newspapers "except that I was unable to get a bath this morning."

Strike leaders sat throughout the day to hear reports from striker-delegates who had queued outside the door.

They heard that most of the 52 Government departments concerned were already affected.

The strikers are maintaining their services without pay at several hospitals and wherever a stoppage will be a danger to public health."—Reuter.

POLICE NOTICE

Police arrangements for the arrival in the Colony of Lord Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, on 17th March 1948.

1. ARRIVAL:

Lord Listowel and his party will arrive at Queen's Pier at approximately 3.40 p.m.

2. CLOSED ROADS:

The following roads will be closed to vehicular traffic from 2.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. approximately.

A. Connaught Road Central from Thomas Cooks Building to junction with Jackson Road, northwest corner of Hong Kong Club.

B. Wardley Street at its Junction with Connaught Road Central will be closed to North bound traffic.

C. Jackson Road between Chater Road and Connaught Road Central.

3. ONE WAY ROAD:

Ice House Street between Des Voeux Road and Connaught Road Central is closed to North bound traffic.

4. CAR PARKS:

NO PARKING of cars will be allowed:—

A. In Connaught Road Central between Queen's Building and Jackson Road.

B. In Connaught Road Central on the north side of the road between Jackson Road and Murray Road. This space is reserved for cars of officially invited guests.

5. TRAFFIC ROUTE:

All eastbound traffic on Connaught Road Central between Pedder Street and Ice House Street will use the south side of the road, and proceed via Ice House Street and Chater or Des Voeux Roads.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE Date: 16th March, 1948.

NOTICE

WATER SUPPLY

The Public is hereby notified that commencing on 18th March, 1948 and until further notice the hours of supply on the Island and Mainland will be;—

6 — 10.30 a.m.
4.30 — 10 p.m.

V. KENNIFF, Water Authority.

Date: 15th March, 1948.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 7/48

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Blasting operations on wreck in above position will commence on Wednesday 17th Mar., 1948.

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AUTHORITY:—
Director of Marine.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Marine Department, Hongkong, 15th March, 1948.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The Commissioner of Labour announces the following Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending 13.3.48.

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Vegetables	1.9	1.0450
Salt Cabbage	.2	.3200
Oil	.7	1.7750
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(Continued from Page 6)

Also in Reader's Digest

Is there a life after 40? Doc warns you against exertion. Girls (who ought to tremble when they see a roué like you!) yawn and call you "mister." Takes a federal subpoena to get you out of the house after 9 P.M. Pitiful (?) wail from a guy who's just hobbled past his 40th milestone.

(Cond. from Sat. Eve. Post)

Robert M. Yoder

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12.32 p.m.—A Light Variety Programme with Denny Malone (Tenor).
1.00 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra (with Vocal) Refrain).
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: The London Radio Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half Hour. B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Tammy Troot Visits the Glasgow Zoo".
6.30 p.m.—London Relay: Ulster Magazine.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
7.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: Navy Mixture Melodies.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Bring You Music" —Classical Request Hour. Presented by Marian Glover.
8.30 p.m.—An Irish Programme.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay: "He Harnessed Steam" the Story of James Watt by James Stephens.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay: A Talk by
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—Selections from the Operas.
10.35 p.m.—Dance to Harry, James and His Orchestra.
10.50 p.m.—Studio: Epilogue.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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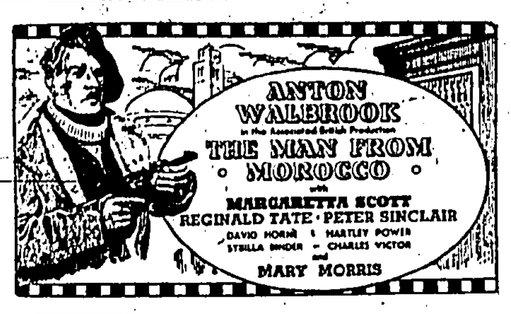

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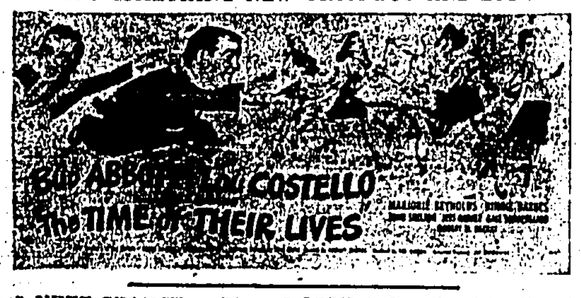

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Warning To The Soviet?

Truman To Address Joint Session Of Congress

Cabinet Meeting's Surprise Decision

Washington, Mar. 15.

President Truman, in the face of the gravest international crisis since World War II, will appear before a joint session of Congress on Wednesday to speak on foreign affairs.

The President's surprise decision was announced by the White House without explanation or elaboration, amid a flurry of rumours that he may ask Congress for more military strength to confront the westward sweep of Communism.

Only last week, Mr. Truman admitted that his confidence in world peace had been shaken by recent developments abroad, notably the Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia.

The White House Press Secretary (Mr. Charles Ross) said the President would go before the joint session at 1730 GMT Wednesday and his address, lasting 15 or 20 minutes, would be broadcast over all major networks.

Mr. Ross refused to say what prompted President Truman to speak out at this time, but revealed that the decision was reached after a luncheon meeting with the Cabinet and a separate conference between the President and the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall.)

"Fateful Hour"

Mr. Marshall, who last warned Congress that the international situation was "very, very serious," went from the White House meeting to a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at which he bluntly stated that the world faced a "fateful hour."

House Republican leaders were caught flatfooted by the White House announcement and indicated they were as much in the dark as anyone as to what the President would say.

The Speaker of the House (Representative Joseph Martin, Republican) said: "All I know is the President has some new information on the foreign situation he wants to give Congress."

There has been talk that the administration might be preparing to ask for a revival of selective service, but the only military legislation now pending is the universal military training bill.

UMT legislation was approved by the House Armed Forces Committee, but the House Rules Committee has refused to send it to the floor. The Senate Armed Services Committee is considering a separate UMT bill and Mr. Marshall is scheduled to testify on that tomorrow.

Declaration Of Policy

All signs pointed to an impending declaration of American policy in face of the spreading Communist expansion across Western Europe. The chiefs of the United States Army, Navy and Air Force jointly concluded a conference at Key West under the Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal. They ostensibly discussed which service was to have control over various arms, but they were also believed to have taken up strategic problems.

Mr. Forrestal flew back from Key West today. His aides said he would talk to President Truman before deciding whether to issue a public statement on the conference.

Revised Plans

To make his surprise talk to Congress, the President revised his plans for a visit to New York to address the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick dinner. He will fly to New York after his address to Congress instead of taking a train.

There was considerable speculation but no official confirmation, that the President's address might be linked indirectly with the speech made last Saturday by the former Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, who called for immediate revival of the draft law.—United Press.

Taxpayer's Protest

Yellow Springs, Mar. 15.

Mrs. Caroline Foulke Uric, 74, expressed disapproval over the spending of more than one-third of the United States budget for military purposes by withholding 34 percent of her income tax.

In a letter addressed to President Truman, she said: "As a Christian I must henceforth refuse to contribute in any way I can to avoid contributing towards maintaining an institution of war."—Associated Press.

Marshall Plan Goes A Stage Further

Washington, Mar. 15.

The passage of the Marshall Plan through Congress entered a new stage teday when the House Foreign Affairs Committee began private meetings to work out a final draft of the House of Representatives version of the legislation.

It is expected to begin a debate on the aid programme sometime this week.

Leaders in the House have described their Bill as of an omnibus nature, including economic and military aid for Greece, Turkey and China.

The House Bill is expected to have European economic matters sharply separated from military aid so that when it is considered in conference with the Senate version—for the ironing out of the differences between the two Houses—speedy action for Europe will be possible.

Although there is no indication yet how long the House debate will take, informed observers believe that not more than two days' open debate would be allowed before the rule limiting each speaker to five minutes is invoked.

Under the pressure of urgency, the House will probably go into night and weekend sessions as did the Senate, and House leaders hope the final vote will be taken before the end of the month.—Reuter.

Revolution Sweeps Costa Rica

San Jose, Mar. 15.

The Costa Rica Government is trying desperately to stop the revolution which is sweeping the country.

Seventy five percent of San Jose's power plants have been blown up and the opposition has virtually isolated the capital. President Teddoro Picado Michalski declared martial law on Saturday.

Fighting began on Mar. 1 when Congress annulled the election of Otilio Ilate Blanco, opposition candidate for the Presidency.—Associated Press.

No Progress In Kashmir Dispute

Lake Success, Mar. 15.

The talks between the Indian and Pakistan representatives are proceeding very slowly and it is now feared that the Security Council may be obliged to postpone the continuation of the Kashmir debate which was due to take place tomorrow.

Dr. T. F. Tsiang, the President of the Council, who was given the task of bringing the two parties together, is understood to have been swamped with work in connection with the Big Four Palestine talks and the serious question of Czechoslovakia, which is now on the Council's provisional agenda.

Very little activity was reported of the parties over the weekend and it was reliably learned that so far nothing has been committed to paper.

The drafting of a resolution which would gain the approval of both India and Pakistan, and of the Council, may have to be done this week in view of the pressure on Dr. Tsiang.

The other delegations at the Council, including the British, are maintaining strict reserve in the matter, preferring to leave to the Security Council the task of handling the Kashmir problem, which is now regarded as being in its most delicate stage.—Reuter.

New Jewish Secret Radio

Haifa, Mar. 15.

A new underground Jewish radio station, identifying itself by the call letters FFI, violently attacked the British.

The ten-minute programme was given by an announcer with an unmistakable American accent. It is believed to be an organ of the Stern Gang.

"The British bombed Jerusalem, something which the Nazis did not dare do during the war," said the announcer, repeating the Ben Yehuda Street bombing canard.

The announcer also denounced several foreign newspapers, including the New York Times, as "bitter enemies of the Jews." His voice rose to a high pitch several times and nearly broke with emotion.—United Press.

Soviet Military "Disclosure"

London, Mar. 15.

Tass said to-night the last of the senior age groups in the Russian army would be demobilised by the end of March.

The Soviet news agency said in a dispatch from Moscow that after March 31 the "army contingent" would consist chiefly of two age groups—those born in 1926 and 1927.

The dispatch disclosed that a decree apparently bringing the army down to its planned peacetime strength of conscripts and professionals, was issued in February by the Supreme Soviet. — Associated Press.

Meyer Gets Gaol Sentence

Washington, Mar. 15

Bennett E. Meyers, a former major-general and wartime Deputy Air Force purchasing chief, was sentenced here today to a minimum of 20 months and a maximum of five years imprisonment on charges arising out of profits in a privately-owned aircraft parts war plant.

He was convicted on charges of inducing a former business associate to lie under oath to a Senate committee investigating Mr. Meyers' wartime operation of the company, from which the Government alleged he received over $150,000 profits.

Mr. Meyer's attorneys announce that he will appeal against the verdict.—Reuter

Train Wreckers In Australia

Brisbane, Mar. 15.

The police today cut short an attempt to wreck trains between Walloon and Rosewood on the Brisbane-Toowoomba line. Fourteen dog spikes and fishplate coupling rails had been removed along the line.

One train had passed over the point safely but railwaymen said succeeding trains would have been derailed, with possible loss of life.—United Press.

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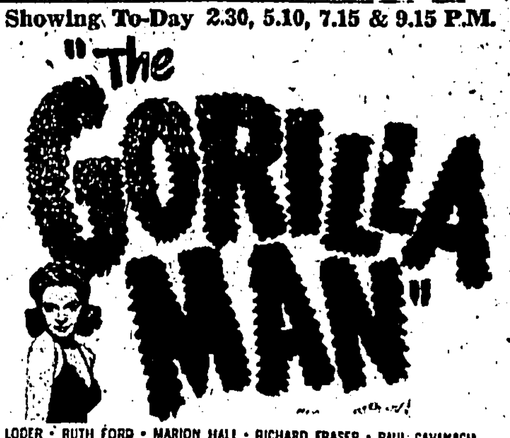

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ALLIANCE FOR DEFENCE

Events in Czechoslovakia continue to follow a consistent course. There is no disposition on the part of those who carried out the Russian *coup d'etat* to disguise its significance. Schools of every description are ordered to hang large portraits of M. Stalin on their walls. The transfer of government from a basis of elections to a basis of force is frankly justified as a "revolution;" and the process of "purging" is applied equally to Parliamentarians and judges. The Communist Party is well on the way to become the only one in a totalitarian system.

Quite naturally there is a rush to get inside it. It is not easy for its opponents to leave the country, but a few have succeeded; and some of those already abroad e.g., at the various Czechoslovak embassies and legations, have refused to obey orders to return. They include men of standing, who shared President Benes's exile in Hitler's time. But they have little chance of influencing events.

The three Western Powers who published their verbal protest remain for the present content with that. Technically they have no ground for further intervention. Operating through her Fifth Columns, Russia can disavow all responsibility for what they do. She can say that she never moved a man or a gun; though everyone knows that the local Communists work entirely to her orders, and that the menace of her huge army is the real force behind them.

The one good feature about the affair is the extent to which is has opened men's eyes. Russia had already employed the same technique in order to enslave Poland, Rumania and Hungary; and the West was in a better position to take action then. For the post-war peace treaties stipulated for maintaining free elections and the other essential features of democracy. Yet our Governments attempted virtually nothing, and the public opinion behind them scarcely pressed for their doing more. The Czechoslovak sequel was needed to underline the meaning of the process.

Both sides of the Atlantic see more clearly the need for the Marshall initiative last summer and the service rendered by Mr. Bevin in so promptly organising a response to it. The result in Washington is a prospect of swift final passage for the necessary Bill, and in Europe a desire to carry economic co-operation further, as exemplified by the fresh conference now being held in Paris by the sixteen "Marshall Plan" countries. But that is not all, nor even perhaps the chief part. The awakening has been greatest in regard to defence. Foolish criticisms of the Truman policy towards Greece and Turkey retire into the background, and the question is seen to be, not whether the Western Powers should help those two countries to hold out against the hammer-blows of Russian attack, but whether they ought not to give similar guarantees to others which are or may be similarly threatened.

Right in the foreground comes the case of Finland, summoned by M. Stalin to concede to him a military alliance. For a week the proposal was under consideration by the Finnish parties, and, while most of them disliked the alliance, they could not be unaware that the invitation to conclude one implied a threat if they did not. A small majority eventually favoured accepting; not the alliance, but the invitation to negotiate about one. It would seem that many of those consulted drew a line between the two, and thought that negotiation could and should be conceded as a matter of courtesy without prejudging whether anything was to come of it.

To the outsider that must appear a very dubious reckoning.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

QUESTION TIME IN ALL QUARTERS

All week in the U.S. it has been question time. The people have sought out the brains trusts asking "information, please," but the experts are stumped.

No one seems to be able to supply the answers, and the newspapers are lurid with huge maps over which hangs the biggest, most terrifying question mark of all—the Red sickle.

At the Stake

There are anger and apprehension here. The "get tough" policy now changes to a "get mad" attitude. Soon it may even develop into a "get going" campaign.

Some publications, notably the Hearst chain, are printing enormous cartoons showing Russian paratroopers dropping on to New York.

There is a babble of war talk and the air-waves are strident with defiances of the Soviet.

Once the Russians hold the Finns in colloquy—a colloquy with alliance for its subject—they can subject them to all sorts of pressures. They will plausibly take the attitude that the Finns have committed themselves, since to negotiate and then refuse more affronting than not to have negotiated.

Is it worth the West's while to save Finland's independence? To answer that question, we must ask another. What is the purpose of Russia's demand? It cannot be defensive, for she has ample assurance that Finland will not let her territory be used to attack Russia. But, if offensive, then against whom? Obviously against Sweden and Norway. With Finland thrown open to Russian aircraft and armies, what would Sweden's position be? And, with Scandinavia in Russian hands, how much weaker, in the event of a conflict, would the Western Powers be!

Most people who have been in Stockholm since the war testify to the pervasive alarm felt there regarding the Soviet's intentions. So long as Sweden remains unsecured by any Western alliance, there is reason for it. She lies directly on one of the main paths of Russian aggression, with only Finland left at present between them. Of all European countries she is one of the most Western in outlook and the most democratic in institutions. Yet she hardly dare call her soul her own. She came in under the Marshall Plan, because, like the rest of us, she badly needs some of the benefits. But she has done so hesitantly, becoming increasingly aware that Russia resents her action, and that beyond a point she could not afford, as things are, to stand up to the resentment.

The fact is that, if Western Europe is to save its freedom, it needs defensive co-operation as well as economic. Only to a limited extent has this been recognised. Five States—Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—at Brussels have formed Western Union, a forward step, but relatively an easy one, since (*a*) they are contiguous and their defence plainly needs unifying; (*b*) they are none of them coterminous with Russian-occupied territory.

Under those circumstances, and having regard to the close relations which both London and Paris maintain with Washington, the participation of the United States in the arrangement may seem superfluous. But can it be dispensed with in cases like Scandinavia's or that of Italy? That is the question which American statesmen are now asking themselves. They may be embarrassed by the old taboo against "entangling alliances;" but two great wars have already shown that to be impracticable. In future they must embrace risks, if they are to reduce dangers. And the sooner they embrace them, the less onerous their task. A military guarantee to Finland might, if given now, save the country and Scandinavia behind it with less risk and effort than would be needed to save Scandinavia after Finland had gone. Not in that the only European region in which promptitude would pay. It is this, what President Truman has in mind in his special message to Congress.

Everyone accepts that the stake is Europe, the contestants the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. but few dare to guess at the line-up.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-President of the United States and a man rarely right about anything in politics, even announces that the U.S., in the event of war cannot count on military allies anywhere.

Still Remote

So far no British figure in public office has replied to Mr. Hoover, but at crowded meetings of the Overseas Press Club the other day, attended by newspapermen from all over the world, Frank Owen, Editor of *The Daily Mail*, and guest speaker, gave his answer.

He said: "Speaking as a private citizen I tell you that if war came between Russia and the U.S., Great Britain would be in the fight on America's side at the drop of a hat. I consider that to be remote, and deny its need.

Wild With Harry

The crisis abroad hasn't halted the great Presidential debate. During the past few days the campaign has become intensified and Mr. Truman's chances of election now look feeble and faltering.

His party is split three ways. The extreme Left is clambering on the Henry Wallace bandwagon, the Southern States are in mutiny against the President's Civil Rights programme (equality for Negroes), and the Jews are shouting "Betrayal" over Palestine.

No one is wild about Harry any more, and millions are wild with him. The President wriggles and straddles and wobbles. He will never find the key to the White House this way.

Perfect Set-Up

Everything seems to be playing into the hands of the Republicans. Wallace is far too Radical to have any hope of being elected and his running mate, Senator Glen Taylor, the cowboy crooner who occasionally rides a horse up the steps of the Capitol, is even a dizzier circus figure.

It is the perfect set-up for the Republicans, who suddenly appear sensible stable, and as sound as the U.S. Treasury.

And the Treasury and the money markets which back it have displayed admirable strength lately despite Stalin's newest land grab.

The much-forecast recession hasn't developed after all. Stocks are steadier and commodities are no longer on the ski-jump. The big crash has turned out to be a mild whisper, and the boom, its girth reduced slightly, continues.

In The Ring

By a strange coincidence the men in the middle of this roaring prosperity wave, the brokers and clerks and cashiers, are being very badly done by. While business profits are gigantic their wages are picayune. So much so that United Financial Employees threaten a blitz strike against the stock and curb exchanges and 26 brokerage firms here.

Boxing continues to be very much in the news. Another boxer was killed in the ring in Los Angeles the other day. He was the 21st man to be killed as a result of blows in the prize ring in the past two years.

It is more evidence of the dirty racket boxing has become. Unfit men are sent into the ring.

Referees refuse to halt fights when men have been battered so much that their brains are soft. Gangsters and big-time gamblers are deep in the "sport," and many fights are fixed.

Real Friends

Talking about sport I have received four sarcastic cables from Manchester United supporters pointing out that Preston North End got knocked out of the Cup despite my forecast. That's all right—I change it to say a Lancashire club will win at Wembley.

I've also received more than 100 letters in the past few days from people who want pen friends in America.

I cannot arrange this but write to the Editor of the *Overseas Daily Mail*, Northcliffe House, London. He will. Most correspondents want to communicate regularly with people in the Middle West, in which there is a great deal of interest.

Frank Owen is just back from Korea (Jaeu) and reports that he came across no anti-British feeling and was received with the utmost cordiality, understanding and courtesy.

In fashions the opposition to New Looks has completely collapsed. Most worried are newspaper photographers, who complain that the new styles have killed their leg art. The latest fashions are said to hide everything a woman wants to show and show everything she wants to hide.

All O'Kaye

Hollywood and Broadway are warming up to Piccadilly and Leicester-square. The tremendous success of Danny Kaye and Olsen and Johnson after the harsh British words about Mickey Rooney has mollified American showmen who were getting hypersensitive.

It is good to hear visiting British actors speak their minds. Hilton Edwards, director and star of the Dublin Gate Theatre Company, now on Broadway, says New York is more insular than Dublin; that American audiences are more impatient than ours; and that while New York critics are honest, fair, and sympathetic their power in the influencing the public is surprisingly strong.

At 91 . . .

The Irish company has done quite well here with the works of Bernard Shaw who at 91 has three big-time productions running simultaneously on the main stem.

Leonora Corbett, one of Britain's wittiest and most beautiful women, seeking a play worthy of her has found it. Rumour says Leonora wrote it.

Angela Lansbury, old George's granddaughter, has turned out to be an excellent dramatic actress.

That ban on American performers making gramophone records may soon be lifted by James Caesar Petrillo. The British are moving in too quickly.

British films are threatening American ascendancy in New their power in influencing this Diary's latest outlet.

They say of a certain actor who likes his bottle that if there were a nip in the air he would drink that.

SPANISH MINISTER TO LONDON

Madrid, Mar. 15.

It was announced officially tonight that the present Spanish Minister to The Hague, the Duke of San Lucar, had been appointed Minister and Charge d'Affairs in London.—United Press.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner

"You sure there ain't no hockey game here tonight? I heard positively the Toscaninis was playing the Beethovens!"

Is Finland To Suffer Czechs' Fate?

By Edwin Shanke

Helsinki, Mar. 16 (AP)

Will Finland become another Czechoslovakia?

No clearcut answer can be given today in the face of the coming negotiations toward a Russo-Finnish friendship and military agreement and Parliament's action on such a pact. But the question is dominant in everyone's mind.

Optimists take the proposed alliance at its apparent face value—namely, the USSR expressed a desire to complete its belt of security in the west.

There are many more pessimists who see it as the opening wedge infringing Finland's independence and pushing her solidly into Russia's eastern bloc and eventually destroying her freedom.

Finland boasts of a high national morality and integrity. If a poll were taken today—from Government leaders down—the majority would say no to the pact.

Finland's President, Juho K. Paasikivi, has told Russian Premier Joseph Stalin by letter that Parliamentary groups in Finland have expressed doubts regarding the conclusion of a military agreement. He declared that the Finnish people hope to keep clear of international conflicts.

Newspaper editors say their offices are being swamped by letters against the pact.

Wider Issues

But Finland's responsible leaders must keep wider considerations in mind, highly placed officials say. Stalin's proposed pact, they maintain, simply cannot be shrugged off by this small but stubbornly independent country.

One former Premier, who admittedly thinks leftist in foreign affairs but is squarely middle of the road on internal matters, put it this way:

"It would be better to accept the pact than to produce another Czechoslovakia. I, for example, am for the pact not because I like it but because Finland cannot avoid it. When the general of an army corps (Russian Minister Grigori Savonenkov) is sitting here then we know that his army cannot be far away. That alone is enough to cause uneasiness. If we don't accept now it will cost us more in the end. I'm sure we can hold to our democratic rights better this way."

Breaking Spirit

Many longtime foreign observers regard the agreement as a Soviet effort to break the independent spirit of the Finns. That spirit has been hardened by a thousand years of animosity toward the Russians. Disarmed as Finland is to the point of a military vacuum, the Russians have not lost their age-old suspicion of the Finns. Nor have the Finns dropped their guard.

The pessimists' view is that the Communist Party cannot take another election beating in July such as it took in the local elections last December.

What the Finns call a Communist Party pressure campaign already has started in support of the pact. Finnish editors took a serious view of recent tactics in which the Communist deputations visited the newspapers and demanded that they support the pact.

As in Prague the Communists control the Ministry of the Interior. Yrjo Leino, the husband of Hertta Kuusinen whose father is a political power in the Soviet, recently completed a reorganisation of his ministry and its political or secret state police.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

YOU DO THE RUFFING

LEADING trumps to prevent the declarer from ruffing out his losers in the dummy is usually a good idea when you see a short suit there. Sometimes, however, you can see that this procedure will not reduce his trick-taking at all, because the dummy will still have enough trumps left for any ruffing he might desire. In such cases, it is often well to weigh the advisability of seeking a ruff or ruffs by your own side, in which event it is important to retain your trumps.

	S. J 10 4 H. A Q 4 3 D. 7 4 C. Q 10 5 2	
S. A K Q 9 6 H. K 8 6 D. Q 10 8 C. 7 6	N W E S	S. 8 7 3 H. J 5 D. K J 8 5 C. A K 9
	S. 5 2 H. 10 9 7 2 D. A 9 6 2 C. J 8 4	

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

West	North	East	South
1 S	Pass	2 D	Pass
2 S	Pass	4 S	

North led his club 2 to the K and took the heart 5 to the K with the A. Noting at once that West was bent on heart ruffing, he instantly struck at that tactic by leading his spade J. West got it with the Q and led the heart 8, which the Q won. The spade 4 went to the A, whereupon West ruffed the heart 6 with the spade 8. After that West could lose nothing except a diamond to the A, so made his contract.

Sound figuring by North would have told him that if West had had many as four hearts to the K, he probably would have led the suit on the second round instead of spades. Hence he probably had exactly three hearts and intended to ruff one of them only. It was a virtual certainty that there could be no more than two trump leads by the defence, after the opening lead was in a side suit. North therefore should have seen that an effort to prevent ruffs would be futile, as a trump would remain for West's heart after two spade rounds.

Had he done this, then looked for ruffing chances by his own side he should have noted the potentialities of a diamond return to the third trick. South should have ducked that and let West win, when West made a second heart lead, North could have taken it with the Q and returned his last diamond. South's A would have scored and his lead for a third-round diamond would have been trumped by North for the setting trick.

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Tomorrow's Problem

	S. A 8 6 4 H. A 8 2 D. 10 C. Q J 8 3 2	
S. K J H. Q 10 7 5 4 3 D. K 9 8 7 6 C. None	N W E S	S. 10 9 2 H. J 6 D. A Q J 4 C. K 10 7 5
	S. Q 7 5 3 H. K 9 D. 5 3 2 C. A 9 6 4	

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

If the early tricks are a heart to the K, a diamond to the J, a heart to the A, the club Q to the K and A ruffed by the spade J and the heart Q is returned what should East do to beat the 4-Spades by South?

Steamer Burns And Sinks

Clydebank, Mar. 16.

The cross-channel steamer "Prague" was wrecked by the explosion and fire which occurred here on Monday.

One worker was injured when an oxygen tank exploded at the bow of the 4,220-ton vessel which belongs to the British Railways and had been used on the Harwich-Hook of Holland service.

Flames spread rapidly and hundreds of firemen and a number of fire launches from a wide area responded to a dock detachment call for help. Dense clouds of smoke swept Clydebank.

Two hours after the explosion the ship's hawser was against the dockside and settled into the mud.—Associated Press.

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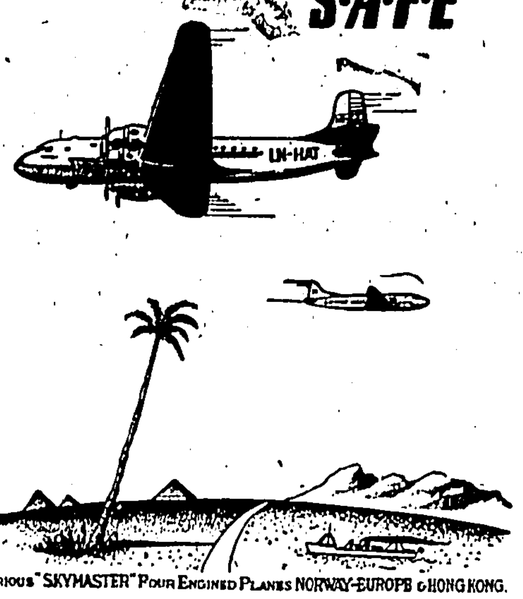

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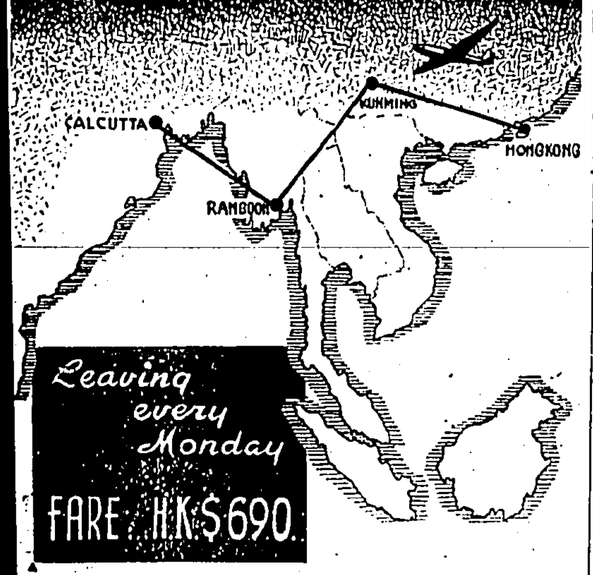

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MR. BEVIN SOUNDS MORE OPTIMISTIC NOTE IN PARIS

Sixteen-Nation Conference On Cooperation

Western Germany To Be Invited To Join In

Paris, Mar. 15.

In a speech ringing with optimism, Mr. Bevin today told the 16-nation conference: "I feel more hopeful now than at any time during or since the war". He marvelled at Europe's postwar achievement, he said.

"If now Europe is receiving aid to help it over the next stage of its rehabilitation, it is justified in accepting that aid, first, because of the price it paid, and secondly, because of its concentrated efforts to preserve both justice and liberty for the future", Mr. Bevin said.

"If this is appreciated and understood and we together cooperate in this great endeavour, then the establishment of the necessary equilibrium will not prove so difficult as some imagine."

There would have to be some sacrifice for the common good, but the abstract question of sovereignty did not arise.

He pledged the British Government to make whatever contribution it could to Europe's stability on condition that the other partner nations would do the same.

The traditional relationship between Britain and her Commonwealth, the Foreign Secretary declared, would be maintained as well as worldwide trade with other countries.

Mr. Bevin defined the purpose of the new organisation to be created and the aid which it would handle as "to stoke up the engine of recovery and to get it well on its way."

He hoped and believed that when the nations become independent of aid, they would not break apart again but that their cooperation would go on.

Western Germany

"I invite not only this great Conference, but the peoples of Europe to join in this great effort to triumph over economic difficulties and so to secure firmly the human rights which all should enjoy."

Mr. Bevin said: "At our recent talks in London, the representatives there agreed that the Anglo-American bizone and the French zone should be fully associated with the economic work of the continuing organisation and you will be asked to discuss a proposal to that effect.

"This proposal will have for its object the bringing of the production of Germany to help in the European recovery."

Mr. Bevin said that while Marshall aid had been under "long investigation and protracted debate" in the United States, "the European nations have not waited.

"We have been striving to lay the foundations of recovery", he declared.

Common Task

"Important decisions by governments will be needed, but they will be taken in the light of the common task and in the same spirit. For our part, we shall appoint representatives with high qualifications who enjoy the confidence of our Government, including the confidence of the responsibility for reconciling what may seem to be our special needs with the needs of all."

The permanent organisation would be designed to ensure that there should be "the closest and most continuous cooperation with the United States administrator appointed for the European recovery programme, Mr. Bevin added.

The meetings, investigations and discussions going on now were not only creating a profound impression but were promoting both technical and political understancing" of what the world is so much in need at the present moment."

Multilateral Accord

Of the multilateral agreement, Mr. Bevin said:

"We are fully conscious of the pledges we made when we agreed to the Paris report. We have now given further consideration to it, and my Government stands by these pledges.

"I have no doubt that all the nations represented here today will do the same.

"I cannot imagine that our experts will have much difficulty in drafting those pledges into the form of an agreement.

"In taking the necessary steps, we are really making history."

Referring to the "continuing organisation", Mr. Bevin said: "I think the main purpose is quite clear. It is to make a great success of the European recovery programme which is intended to bring Europe to the healthy state which is essential if it is to be a self-respecting and independent community.

"If the position of the participating countries is to be restored and maintained, we must not be dependent on relief.

"We are, however, perfectly justified and it is quite consistent with our independence to seek aid—that aid to be used to carry through a programme of full recovery."

Trade Barriers

Mr. Bevin said the continuing organisation should be a "workshop" the main duty of which would be to establish an equilibrium between Europe and the Western Hemisphere and so to reduce the dollar deficit.

It must also strive to reduce trade barriers in Europe and to work out a system of improved clearing arrangements within Europe.

Mr. Bevin suggested that if they were entering into cooperative efforts on an international basis, "we should do so on the understanding that everyone taking part becomes a member of the club and there must be tolerance and a contribution from each one as the price of taking part."

M. Georges Bidault told the delegates: "We are agreed on our aims. I am sure we can reach an agreement—and quickly—on the means."

He declared: "The division of Europe caused last year by the refusal of certain countries to cooperate with us has been greatly and regrettably aggravated.

"We believe in the unity of the human race, in the necessity of recognising that there are facts which are more important than property."

There could be no question of granting Germany priority, he said, but justice and commonsense alike demanded "that the resources of this industrious and persevering country should be associated with the great effort of reconstruction we have undertaken."

Pooling Of Resources

The permanent organisation to be set up would be the "opposite number" of the American Marshall aid administrator, he said.

The multilateral agreement to be reached must, he said, include precise definitions for the pooling of resources and a concerted exploitation of national industries, as well as "a moderation of customs tariffs where a complete union may not yet be possible."

M. Bidault renewed his invitation to Eastern European countries to collaborate and said: "This conference table can be enlarged at any moment."

Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, said the Marshall Plan was "one of the most noble and disinterested" acts of international solidarity in history.

What America had called for was the creation of a Europe which, if associated with Africa in the spirit recently expressed by General Smuts, the South African Premier, would become "one of the most independent units in the world."

The new European organisation should, as one task, guarantee to the working masses a standard of living not marked by strong contrasts and the opportunity of work whenever it was possible for them to work.

The report on European self-help, recording the progress of the "aid" nations, was tabled today at the Conference. It contains the results of the Anglo-French fact-finding mission, which recently toured the main capitals of these countries.

Copenhagen Meeting

M. Gustav Rasmussen, the Danish Foreign Minister, announced that the Scandinavian representatives would meet at Copenhagen in the first week of April to discuss problems concerning Scandinavian economic cooperation.

This would be their second conference in six weeks.

Economic aid, based on security and defence against the infiltration tactics of aggression, was called for by M. Constatin Tsaldaris, the Greek Foreign Minister, who declared: "The bloody struggle now taking place in Greece has enabled us to see that all efforts at economic recovery will be in vain unless they are based on national and international security."

The British and French delegates are tonight or tomorrow submitting a draft resolution to the committee of officials dealing with the participation of Western Germany in the European recovery programme.

A decision on this point is the first of three essential tasks laid down in the agenda of the conference.

Agenda Points

The others are:

Drafting the multilateral agreement concretely defining the pledges of the nations to work as a team for Europe's recovery.

Drafting the constitution of a permanent body to represent the 16 powers for the application of the American aid programme and for cooperation afterwards.

Indications tonight were that the occupied zones of Germany would probably be represented at later "working party" sessions of the 16-nations conference, but what form this representation would take has not been definitely decided.

An earlier announcement that no German observers would attend the conference, nor would representatives of the British, the United States and French occupation authorities be present, was tonight presumed to have referred to the plenary sessions.—Reuter.

Danger Would Be Swift

Washington, Mar. 15.

If the United States stopped aid to Greece, the consequences would be "swift and sure," Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, told Senators here today.

Mr. Marshall was speaking at a private meeting of the State Foreign Relations Committee on the Administration's request for $275 million additional military aid for Greece and Turkey.

Mr. Marshall warned: "The danger remains that the Communist-led countries of Europe will increase their pressure on Greece just as they have in other directions in Europe."—Reuter.

President Peron Triumphs

Buenos Aires, Mar. 15.

Returns from the Argentine elections held on March 7 show that President Juan Peron has been given an unprecedented Congressional majority.

Peron supporters are leading in all parts of the country, giving his administration far more seats in Congress than it needs for carrying through any constitutional reforms.

Peron appears assured of more than 100 seats in the Chamber of Deputies—where a two thirds majority is 106.—Associated Press.

Church Backs Gottwald

Prague, Mar. 15.

The Czechoslovak Church is fully behind the Government of M. Gottwald, the Communist Prime Minister, Dr. Miroslav Novak, Bishop of Prague, declared today.

The Czechoslovak Church, the national church of Czechoslovakia, is the second largest congregation in the country, with 900,000 members as against 1,500,000 in the Greek and Roman Catholic Church, and is an autonomous Orthodox Church among the sister churches in the Oecumenical Council.—Reuter.

Boundary Mission Set Up In India

New Delhi, Mar. 15.

The Governments of India and Pakistan have decided to set up a Joint Boundary Commission to settle disputes over the boundary of Sylhet District in East Bengal (Pakistan) and Assam Province (India).

The disputes arose over the terms of the Radcliffe Award, made by the Boundary Commission under Sir Cyril Radcliffe, on the eve of the transfer of power in India, which fixed the boundaries of the partitioned provinces of Bengal and the Punjab.—Reuter.

FALLKLANDS DISPUTE

Falkan Islands, Mar. 15.

Both the cruiser Nigeria and the sloop Snipe, which took Mr. Miles Clifford, Governor of the Falkland Islands, on a nine-day "Show the Flag" tour of the Dependencies, are now on their way back.

The cruiser sailed for Simonstown on Thursday and on Saturday the sloop started for Bermuda by way of Uruguay and Brazil, flying the Governor's flag.

The Nigeria and Snipe visited all the bases established by Argentina and Chile in Britain's sector of the Falkland Dependencies.—Reuter.

KING GUSTAV

Nice, Mar. 15.

King Gustav of Sweden, who is spending his annual holiday on the French Riviera, did not leave his hotel today because of the overcast sky.

The King spent the afternoon playing bridge with members of his suite in the Hotel D'Angleterre.

Habitues of the French Riviera remarked that the King was taking the air less this year than previous years.—Reuter.

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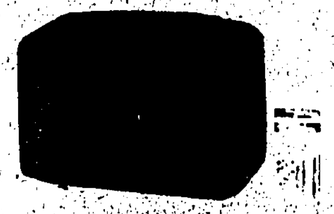

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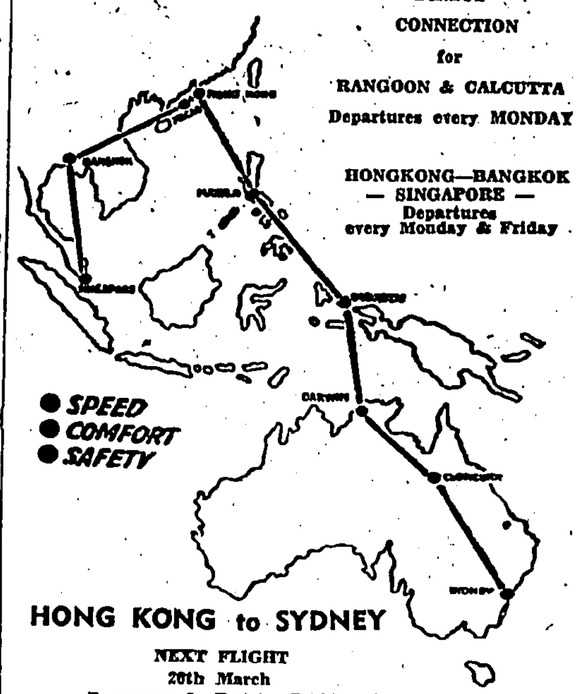

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The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 12.30 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $2 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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NEW AMERICAN MOVE IN SOFTENING-UP ON THE JAPANESE

Washington, Mar. 15.

The Secretary of the Army (Mr. Kenneth Royall) today announced that a high-powered governmental industrial mission is scheduled to leave for Tokyo on Wednesday to consider methods of rebuilding Japan up to a self-supporting economy.

The group, which includes the Under Secretary of the Army (General William Draper) and the President of Studebaker Corporation (Mr. Paul Hoffman), was also directed to hold discussions with General MacArthur and Mr. George Kennan, the Secretary of State's top policy planner.

The Royall Mission will spend about 10 days in Japan and then proceed to Korea for discussions with Lt.-Gen. John Hodge, American commander there.

The announcement of the mission and its purpose was interpreted here as the first concrete step in the United States' revised policy of softening reparations demands on Japan and actively seeking to build up her export industry and markets.

The Army said: "The group directed by Mr. Royall is to consider existing plans to make Japan self-supporting and to reduce the costs of the occupation to the American taxpayer. Expansion of exports, particularly in the textile field, and recommendations recently made by Overseas Consultants Inc. (the Strike Committee) on industrial reparations will be given special consideration."

High Importance

Indicative of the importance attached to the work of the mission was the fact that Mr. Royall himself had planned to accompany it, until the last minute when it was decided that Congressional hearings on the universal military training bill and budget matters would require his presence in Washington.

While the Army declined to amplify on the scope of the Mission, other official sources said it was "undoubtedly" designed to correlate with General MacArthur's and Mr. Kennan's present plans to speed the economic rehabilitation of Japan and reduce reparations removals.

It was understood that this course, which had been urged for some time by Army officials, had now been adopted by Mr. Kennan in his capacity as Mr. Marshall's representative to survey the situation in Japan. With the Army and the State Department finally in agreement on the matter, it was believed here that specific developments to implement policy would soon be apparent.

Heretofore, the State Department, largely at the urging of its economic experts, has resisted Army efforts to "soften" reparations terms and speed economic recovery. — United Press.

West Indies Threats

London, Mar. 15.

The threats of an attack upon British subjects in the West Indies and of invasion of British territory were given in the House of Commons today as one of the reasons for the British Home Fleet's visit to the West Indies this autumn.

Stressing the "great importance" of the visit, Mr. John Dugdale, the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said: "In the circumstances, it seems to be suitable that British ships should cruise in that part of the world."—Reuter.

Divorce Case Appeal Fails

London, Mar. 15.

The Court of Appeal here today declined to consider a wife's insistence on using contraceptives as being an "exceptional hardship" justifying a husband in asking for divorce within three years of marriage.

Under English law, a couple must be married for three years before they can ask for a divorce unless a Court rules that the case involves "exceptional hardship."

The argument before the Court recalled a recent case in which the House of Lords, the supreme Court of Appeal in the country, ruled that insistence on contraceptives did not justify a divorce on grounds of non-consummation of marriage.—Reuter.

CUT PRICES

Birmingham, Mar. 15.

The Hercules Cycle and Motor Company of Birmingham, responding to the Government's appeal for lower prices to stimulate the export drive, today cut its prices to overseas distributors and dealers by 12 to 22 per cent, depending on the model.—Reuter.

Silver Wedding Stamp

Johannesburg, Mar. 15.

To commemorate the silver wedding of the King and Queen on April 26, the South African Post Office will issue a special threepenny stamp. It will be in blue with silver sprays around the pictures of the King and Queen, it was announced on Monday.—Associated Press.

Taft-Hartley Clause Challenged

Washington, Mar. 15.

A Federal District Judge ruled today that the Taft-Hartley law's ban on political expenditures by labour unions was unconstitutional.

The decision left the door open for the unions to throw virtually everything into the 1948 election campaigns, unless the ruling is quickly reversed by the Supreme Court.

The Government will appeal immediately.

The ruling was made by Judge Ben Moore in a test case against the Congess of Industrial Organizations and its President, Philip Murray. The Court dismissed charges against them, saying:

"I am of the opinion that this portion of Section 304 of the Act is an unconstitutional abridgment of the freedom of speech and press and freedom of assembly."

Those were the grounds on which Murray challenged the Act.

Murray and the CIO were indicted for flooding the Baltimore area with copies of the CIO News, in which Murray endorsed a Democratic candidate in the special Congressional election last year. The candidate was elected and both the Government and the union agreed that Murray and the CIO had violated the law, but the CIO argued that the section violated was unconstitutional and challenged the proviso which forbids any union from making any expenditure, direct or otherwise, in a primary or election for Federal office.—United Press.

Wives Ask For Payment Direct

London, Mar. 15.

Lord Pakenham, Minister responsible for the British zone of Germany, has been asked if family allowances can be paid direct to the wives of men serving on the German Control Commission, instead of to the men themselves, as at present.

The request was made when a deputation of the Married Women's Association met Lord Pakenham on Monday.

The Chairman of the Association pointed out that as Control Commission personnel are not under the jurisdiction of the ordinary police courts, their wives have no redress if they are deserted.

"Deserted wives have no means of serving a summons on their husbands," said Miss Frances. "We are particularly concerned about those deserted wives who have children to support."—Associated Press.

Debate On Veto Power

Lake Success, Mar. 15.

A 17-nation group was appointed by the United Nations "Little Assembly" today to "examine and analyse" all proposals made by United Nations members on the problem of voting in the Security Council, arising from the use of the veto.

This sub-committee will be required to submit an interim report of their recommendations to the "Little Assembly" not later than May 15.

Members of the sub-committee will be the delegates from Chile, China, Canada, Cuba, France, Guatemala, India, Norway, Syria, Turkey, the United States, Siam, Britain, Argentina, Australia, Belgium and Brazil.—Reuter.

Fighter Pilot's Escape

Manila, Mar. 16.

The 13th Air Force announced today that fighter pilot Lieut. Frank Marzin, of Santa Rosa, California, survived a mid-air explosion of a P-47 over Tarlac, Central Luzon.

The 25-year-old West Pointer bailed out of his plane a second before flames engulfed the craft and sustained minor cuts and bruises in a 3,000-foot leap.

The tail section of the plane blew off while it was on a routine flight. — Associated Press.

Jerusalem, Mar. 15.

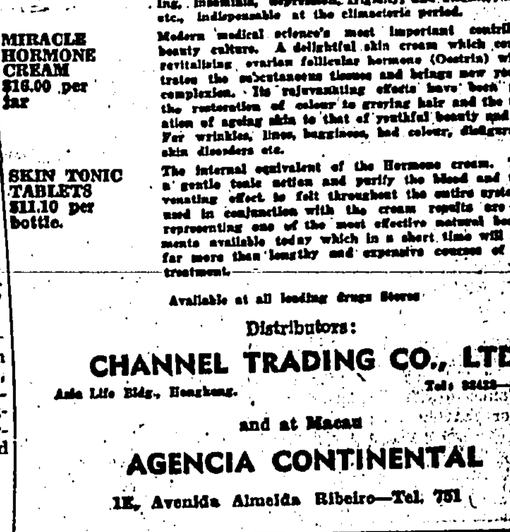
A British constable was killed and two British soldiers were slightly injured when a booby-trap exploded in a Jewish house in Haifa today, it was officially reported.—Reuter.

DIMITROV ATTENDS ON STALIN

Moscow, Mar. 15.

M. Georgi Dimitrov, the Bulgarian Premier, and members of his mission were greeted by M. Molotov and M. Vyshinsky when they arrived here last night to negotiate a mutual aid pact.

The treaty will be on the lines of other friendship and mutual aid pacts signed recently between Russia and other Balkan countries.—Reuter.



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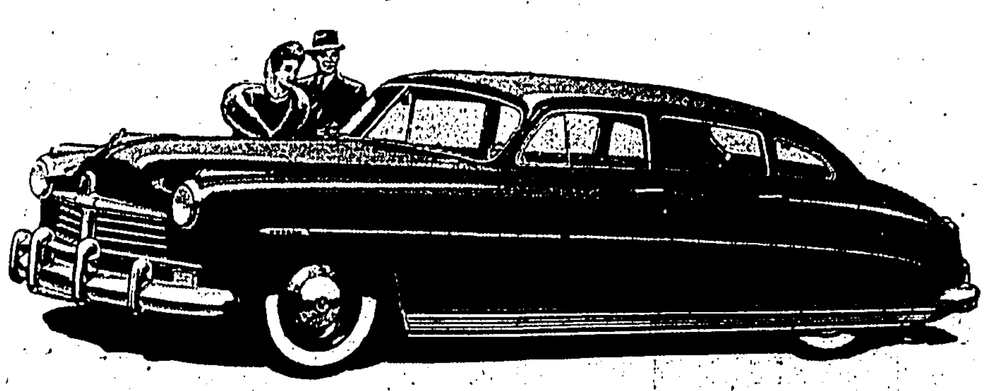

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Monty's "Negligee" Attire Under Attack

London, Mar. 15.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was criticised in the House of Commons tonight for his incongruity in dress.

Colonel Gommie Duncan, a Conservative, urged the War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, "to persuade the Field Marshal to go about dressed as a field marshal and not in a dress which is not laid down in any regulations."

Lord Winterton, another Conservative, who served in the Army in World War I, said there were officers and men walking about in uniform "who seem to have carried the idea of a very distinguished soldier that negligee is desirable in the armed forces to a somewhat excessive degree."

In his reply, Mr. Shinwell said he regarded Field Marshal Lord Montgomery's dress as "most picturesque and attractive." He could see nothing in it to encourage any other soldier to appear in the street in a slovenly fashion.

Colonel Duncan retorted that Field Marshal Montgomery's dress was entirely outside the regulations.

The War Minister replied, amid laughter, that he would have to look into the precise regulations, adding: "If the Chief of the Imperial General Staff is to be castigated, well, we shall do it in private."

In the campaigns in the Western Desert, Sicily and Italy he frequently wore flannel trousers and a sweater with headgear ranging from his beret to an Australian "Digger" hat.—Reuter.

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CZECH COUP PROTESTS
Likely To Be Brought Before United Nations

300 Police Guard Courtroom

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

A heavy police cordon was thrown around the Shanghai District Court buildings yesterday as a precautionary measure when 11 students were charged for manhandling Mayor K. C. Wu during the Tungchi University rioting on January 29.

Hundreds of students from various colleges and high schools gathered outside the compound demanding admission into the court room, but the demand was turned down as the authorities had made arrangements for only 66 spectators armed with special permits.

The students, however, were allowed to elect ten delegates among themselves to attend the hearing.

No untoward incident occurred, although student agitators shouted and sang outside the court compound during the trial.

All the accused denied the charge of assaulting the Mayor and, after a brief hearing, the case was adjourned.

Over 300 policemen guarded the precincts of the court.—Reuter.

America Backing Up Chile

Lake Success, Mar. 15.

The United States support of Chile's charges that Russia engineered the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia has virtually guaranteed that the issue will be aired before the United Nations Security Council.

An official source disclosed that the United States would back up Chile's demands for a debate on the Czech issue and little difficulty is expected in lining up the seven votes necessary to have the matter brought before the Council.

Britain, France, Belgium, probably Colombia, Argentina and Syria are expected to follow the United States lead.

The Czech issue, which will confront the United Nations with a crisis far graver than that presented by the Iranian case two years ago or, the current troubles over the partitioning of Palestine, is scheduled to come before the Council on Wednesday.

Some officials believe that the Czech debate may determine whether the United Nations remains an international organization or is transformed into a Western anti-Russian coalition.

How Far?

While the decision to give the charges full hearing would not commit the United States or other Security Council members to any given course of action it would be a signal for a verbal battle between Russia and the Western Powers.

Whether the United States would go further and support some sort of Security Council intervention in the Czech case—a commission of investigation for example or a resolution of condemnation—is not clear.

The American United Nations delegation and the State Department are believed to have some doubts about whether the Security Council can take any such action in the case without infringing on a most jealously guarded article in the United Nations Charter, which prohibits the United Nations from meddling in the domestic affairs of any sovereign nation.

Russia's Andrei Gromyko and others from the Communist sphere will raise the issue of external interference and base their case on the argument that Moscow played no part in the Czech political turnover.—United Press.

"Purge" Of Courts Ordered

Prague, Mar. 16.

Dr. Alexey Cepicka, Czechoslovak Minister of Justice, today forecast a drastic reform of the Czechoslovak legal system, including a purge of the courts of justice, the renewal of the trials of collaborators and "offenders against the national honour" and the setting up of people's courts of summary justice.

Another change he promised was that defending lawyers would no longer "defend and hide criminals from the law" but would "defend only right and justice."

Speaking at Olomuc (Olmutz), Moravia, Dr. Cepicka declared: "The new legal order in the spirit of the people's democracy will suspend the ancient laws based on the exploitation of man by man."

The Czechoslovak elections in May "will confirm and approve the events of February", Dr. Cepicka declared.

"More than 10,000 newly-formed action committees expressed the will of our people and proved that the statements that the Cabinet of M. Klement Gottwald has instituted a dictatorship are slanders", he declared. "There will come a day soon when it will be worthwhile to live in this people's democratic state."—Reuter.

Communist Bogey Raised In S. Africa

Capetown, Mar. 15.

If war came, and he hoped it would not, "our sympathies will lie, in the very nature of things, with Britain and the United States, and in general with the anti-Communistic countries," Dr. D. F. Malan, the South African Nationalist (Opposition) leader, told the House of Assembly today.

Russia had long been encouraging a revolution in South Africa, he said, and there was no more fruitful field for Communist propaganda than South Africa's non-Europeans.

Dr. Malan was moving that the Assembly should decline to pass the second reading of part of the Appropriation Bill on the ground "that the Government has consistently ignored the Communist menace in spite of facts and warning, and has persistently refused to take any effective action against the Communist Party."

Replying to an interjection by Government members that "sympathy is not enough", Dr. Malan said it would not end with sympathy.

In reply, General Jan Smuts, the Prime Minister, said he did not believe Communism was a definite danger in South Africa.

It was difficult to say what further action the Government could take. The police had instructions to take action under the law whenever action was justified.

If it was possible to define a Communist, it would be possible to make arrangements accordingly and even to pass laws.

General Smuts said the danger did not lie with the self-confessed Communist but with the person who, in his soul, was a Communist but did not admit it—a crypto-Communist.

The best way to combat Communism in South Africa was to carry out the law and create conditions which would provide a sound standard of living for all sections of the population.

General Smuts continued: "A country like Czechoslovakia, a model democratic republic, has gone. What will happen to other countries? Czechoslovakia is a last warning.

"There are other troubled countries, and if the dam breaks I can see no place where the danger can be stopped. Nobody knows what is going to happen.

"Dr. Malan had used the word 'war.' I do not know whether it will be war or not, but we know that what is happening is just as dangerous as war.

"Why declare war if the goal can be reached without it by this means of infiltration? I believe the whole world can go down without war.

"There is this new technique, the new method. I take my hat off to Hitler. He developed a technique which went very far, and this technique is being followed today by others. What Hitler did not achieve, others might, by using his technique."—Reuter.

Bronze Statue Of Roosevelt Completed

London, Mar. 16.

Sir William Dick today made his final inspection of his 18-foot bronze statue of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which will be unveiled in Grosvenor Square on April 12.

Mrs. Roosevelt will unveil the statue on the third anniversary of the President's death.

King George and Queen Elizabeth will attend.

Six months have been spent in casting the bronze, which is in four pieces. Money to finance the work was raised by popular subscription sponsored by the Pilgrims Society.—Associated Press.

British Coal For Pakistan

Hull, Yorkshire, Mar. 15.

The first shipment of British coal to Pakistan since the war—8,500 tons—will leave here shortly in the 5,000-ton steamer Reavely.

A spokesman for the National Coal Board said in London that there was no fixed target of coal exports to Pakistan this year, but it was "quite possible" more coal would be shipped to the new Dominion. The present shipment, he said, was designed chiefly to meet domestic needs.—Reuter.

Coal Strike Begins In US

New York, Mar. 15.

More than a third of the 400,000 American soft coal miners went on strike today in support of a demand by the United Mineworkers President, Mr. John L. Lewis, for miners' pensions of $100 monthly.

The focal point of the stoppage was in Western Pennsylvania, where an early survey indicated nearly half of the 56,000 miners had walked out.

The United States Steel Corporation reported nine of its 14 Western Pennsylvania pits closed, with 7,000 miners idle.

All Pennsylvania and West Virginia mines of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation were closed, with 4,600 miners idle.—Reuter.

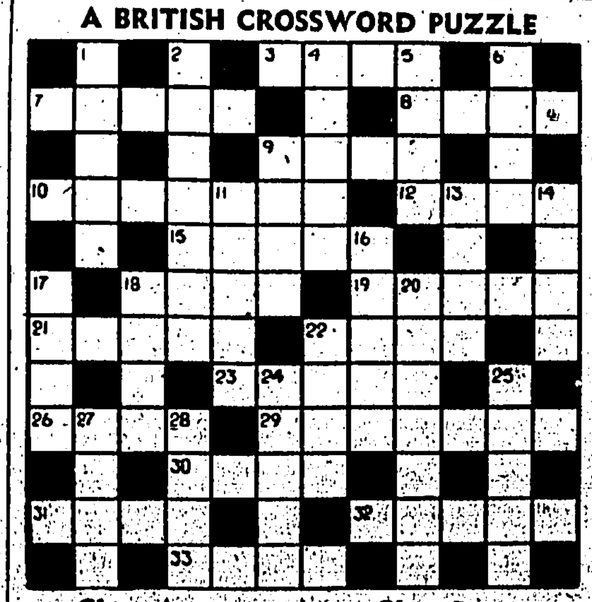
RUBBER TRADE CHAIRMAN

London, Mar. 16.

The election of E.N. Bradley as chairman of the Rubber Trade Association is announced today.

He is a partner of Messrs. S. Figgis and Company of London, E.C., and succeeds J. C. Bennett, who completed his year of office. — Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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1 Multitude. 21 Wrong.
7 Governor. 22 Nobleman.
8 Muscle. 23 Weary.
9 Pipe. 26 Fish.
10 Expands. 29 Repel.
12 Manhandles. 30 Satiate.
15 Sound qualities. 31 Volcanic discharge.
18 Peruse. 32 Danger.
19 Tendency. 33 Barks.

Clues Down

1 Sensational. 16 Precipitous.
2 Argues. 17 Young animal.
4 Divert. 18 Tears.
5 Check. 20 Diminished.
6 Bill of fare. 22 Victim.
9 Nurse. 24 Satire.
11 Proposal of health. 25 Savoury jelly.
13 Assert. 27 Nomad.
14 Bashing-place. 28 Blackleg.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Placid, 7 Epic, 9 Flair, 10 Vicar, 11 Arms, 13 Discarding, 15 Type, 16 Tour, 19 Diabetics, 22 Daily, 24 Tutor, 25 Small, 26 Tease, 27 Trader.
Down—2 Lamp, 3 Cargo, 4 Divide, 5 Decker, 6 Term, 8 Fairy, 12 Shed, 13 Depot, 14 Chicken, 17 Odium, 18 Thirl, 20 Arise, 21 Trade, 23 Aloe.

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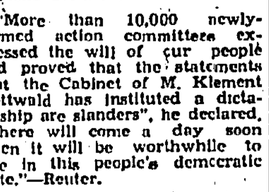

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"TREVELYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	1st May
"TREVEAN"	Shanghai	29th Apr.
"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	31st May
"TREVOSE"	Shanghai & Japan	17th June

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	Due from	Loading for
"RUYS"	In port Sailing for Shanghai 5 p.m. 22nd Mar.	Manila, Singapore, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, Beira, Durban, East London, Port Elisabeth, Mosselbay, Capetown, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santos, Rio de Janeiro. 29th March. Sailing 5 p.m. 31st March.

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"BOISSEVAIN"	South America South Africa Mid April.	South Africa South America end April

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	Due from	Sailing for
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"ALPHACCA"	Europe, on or about 2nd April.	Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo early May.
"RIDDERKERK"	Europe, early May	Manila/Singapore Colombo/Suez/Port Said/Alexandria/Genoa/Marseilles/Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam/Hamburg/Copenhagen/Gothenburg/Oslo early June.

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From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	20th March 8th April	m.v. "DONA ANICETA" m.v. "MINDORO"
Pacific Coast	Early April	m.v. "ANDAMAN"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Manila	20th March	s.s. "ESCALANTE"
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles (San Francisco) & Los Angeles)	25th March. Early April Early April	m.v. "DONA ANICETA" m.v. "TAMARA" m.v. "ANDAMAN"

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CHINA BUSINESSMEN DISCOURAGED

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

Chinese businessmen visiting Japan, hitherto, achieved little success in the way of trade contracts, according to Chinese reports today.

Whatever they have to sell is either not wanted, or prices are exorbitant compared with those of other exporting countries. And most of the Japanese products that they might want to import to China are either controlled by the authorities, or just not available.

As a result, Chinese businessmen are kept idle most of the time, the reports said, adding that they stay in good hotels, have good food and are even provided with transportation, but cannot secure business contracts.

According to the Sino-Japan Trade Regulations of China, the Japan Trade Advisory Commission in China is to import from Japan communications equipment and supplies of rayon, chemical, raw materials, fertilisers, copper and copper products, timber, farming implements, certain goods and seedlings, machines and machine parts, newsprint, various heat and electric meters, coal-tar and cod liver oil.

In return, China is to export to Japan such articles as iron ore, paint, hemp, sugar, salt, cereals, soya beans, hides and furs, eggs, tobacco leaves, camphor.—Reuter.

Malaya Tin Mines Problems

London, Mar. 16.

Reference to the heavy cost of rehabilitation of the Malayan tin mines was made by J. I. Spens, chairman of the London Tin Corp., in a special interview with the "Financial Times" correspondent at Kuala Lumpur.

Spens, leaving Kuala Lumpur for London by sea, after a six-weeks visit to Malaya, told the correspondent that a statement on war damage claims would be of great assistance to the industry. He said it would affect decisions to be taken on future developments and on cash requirements.

The expenditure incurred and to be incurred on the rehabilitation of the tin mines was heavy, he emphasised.

He did not anticipate that tin companies would distribute more than "token dividends" until it is known where such companies stand on their war damage claims.

He forecast that there are bound to be further talks on the present tin price "in the next few months."—Associated Press.

Lancashire's Effort

Ottawa, Mar. 15.

Canadian Finance Minister Douglas Abbott said today that Canadians are "delighted" about the announcement from Manchester that the United Kingdom will immediately increase export of textiles to Canada by approximately 100,000,000 yards or 10,000,000 pounds by weight.

Canada has a favourable trade balance with Britain as against an unfavourable balance with the United States.

The Canadians say they can absorb 300,000,000 yards of textiles from Britain. — Associated Press.

120 Passengers Rescued

Amoy, Mar. 16.

The gunboat 'Nanan' of the Amoy naval base arrived here with 120 rescued passengers and luggage from the China Merchants' Steam Navigation's ship 'Haihu', which grounded off Quemoy Island on March 13.

The ship went aground in a heavy fog while en route to Amoy from Shanghai.— Associated Press.

Japs Executed In Shanghai

Shanghai, Mar. 16.

Two Japanese Gendarmerie officers, who tortured hundreds of Chinese during the war in connexion with the rescue of United States Air Force pilots were executed by a firing squad yesterday.

They were Kubei Hegi, Chief of the Special Division of the Japanese Gendarmerie Headquarters in Paotung, and Neki Mugoto, a sergeant in the same division.

The two Japanese each wrote seven letters to their relatives in Japan and had a bath before the execution.—Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Mar. 16.

Aircrafts and selected industrials gave a fairly good account of themselves in today's stock market while many leaders stumbled.

Aviations were relatively lively from the start with rearmament expectations inspiring buying.

While gains ranging to a point or so were well distributed numerous minus signs remained.

There were 690,000 transfers.

Gainers included Douglas Aircraft, Sperry Howe Sound, Caterpillar Tractor, Santa Fe, Lockheed, Farnsworth Television and Radio, and Consolidated Vultee.

Among the stumblers were Pullman, Union Pacific and Paramount Pictures.

The Dow Jones averages were:—Stocks 61.05, 20 Industrials 167.82, 15 Rails 50.11, 10 Utilities 32.12.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 15¼, Alaska Juneau 3¾, American Can 79⅝, American Smelting 50, American Telephone 149½, American Tobacco 60⅝, American Waterworks 7½, Anaconda Copper 31¼, Aviation Corp 5, Baldwin Locomotive 13, Barnsdall 35, Bendix Aviation 28⅝, Bethlehem Steel 81½, Boeing Aircraft 26⅞, Borden Co. 28⅝, Canadian Pacific 10¼, J.I. Case 87½, Chrysler 80⅞, Colgate 39⅛, Commercial Solvent 12, Corn Products 62½, Dupont 166, Eastman Kodak 59½, Electric Light & Power 17½, Gen. Electric 32⅝, Gen. Motors 51¼, Goodrich 48⅝, Goodyear 40, Homestake Mining 39½, International Harvester 84, International Paper 44⅞, Inter. Tel. & Tel. 12⅜, Johns Manville 36⅝, Kennecott Copper 45½, Montgomery Ward 48½, National Distillers 19⅛, National Lead 81½, New York Central 18¼, Packard Motors 4⅛, Pan American Airways 9¼, Pennsylvania RR 18¼, Radio Corp. 9¼, Republic Steel 23⅜, Reynolds Tobacco 37¼, Schenley 26⅝, Sears Roebuck 34⅝, Shell Oil 30½, Socony Vacuum 15¼, Southern Pacific 47⅝, Standard Brands 23½, Standard Oil of California 57½, Standard Oil of N.J. 72, Studebaker 17⅝, Union Bag 28⅝, Union Carbide 99, U.S. Rubber 39, U.S. Steel 69¼, U.S. Lines 17½, Westinghouse 27⅝, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 68½, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12.—Associated Press.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS

Bombay:—Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas 164 Rupees, 00 Annas; Forward, per 100 tolas 163, 14; Marwari (unofficial) 164, 02. Gold: Delivered, per tola 110, 08; Forward (unofficial) 110, 04; Sovereign 70, 08.

One tola is equal to 3/8th of an ounce.

Buenos Aires:—Sovereign, buyers 70.50, sellers 71.50; U.S. Eagles, 129.50b, 131.00a; Gold, Bar, per gramme, 6.75, 7.05.

Bangkok:—Gold, Bar, per bahweight of 15.244 grammes 556; Exchange Rate (selling) Bangkok on New York T.T. 21.25; London 59.00; Hong Kong 3.54.

Paris:—Napoleon 4,200, French 10 franc coins 1,973, Swiss franc 4,075, Union Latine 3,950, Sovereign 5,450, Half Sovereigns 2,325, U.S. Dollars coin ($20) 20,900, U.S. Dollars coin ($10) 9,950, Sovereigns (in free dollars per ounce) $75.6, Napoleons (in free dollars per ounce) $73.5, U.S. Dollar Note (in black-market) 345.

Alexandria:—Closed.

London:—Unchanged.

New York:—Unchanged.—Reuter.

Harvester Explosion

Louisville, Kentucky, Mar. 15.

An explosion at the plant of the International Harvester Company here today killed at least two persons, injured about 26 and trapped 25 others in the debris, company officials reported.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

There is a lack of interest in the market.

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Mercantile Bank A. & B. £21½p.
Bank of East Asia (X.D.) 129n.

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Union Ins. 785b, 790sn.
China Underwriters 7½b, 8.10s.
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Chinese Estates 190n.

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Star Ferries (X.D.) 129b, 131½, 130as.
Yaumati Ferries 62b, 62½as.
C. Lights (Old) 24b, 24⅛s, 24as.
.. (New) 19b, 20s.
H.K. Electrics (X.D.) 51⅛b, 52s, 52as.
Macao Electrics 21s.
Sandakan Lights 10⅛b.
Telephones (Old) 50s, 49as; (New) 49s.
Shanghai Gas 6½n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) 21⅛b.
Canton Ices 7n.
Cements (X.D.) 42b, 43s, 43⅜/42½as.
H.K. Ropes 23s.

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Watsons (X. Rts.) 53½s.
.. (Rights) 28½b, 29½s, 28½as.
Lane, Crawfords 57½b, 59/58½as.
Sincere 9.20n.
China Emporium 13½s, 13as.
Sun Co., Ltd. 6⅝n.
Kwong Sang Hong 205b, 205as.
Wing On (H.K.) 143n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12n.

MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainments 35as.
H.K. Constructions (O) 6b; (N) 5b.
Vibro Piling 11n.
Marsman Investments 11/8n.
Marsman (H.K.) 1.40b.

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Money Market

Gold continued its down grade yesterday and closed at $331 a tael, as against $336.50 the previous day. It had opened at $334 and was up to $336.25 for a while before it slid.

U.S. dollars were steady at $5.65 for notes, $5.75 for drafts and $5.85 for TT.

Piastres opened at $12.42½ a 100, went up to $12.50 and closed at $12.40.

Chinese National Currency futures opened at 13¼ cents and closed at 13.2 cents for CN$10,000. There was no transaction in spot which was quoted nominal at 15-3/8 cents.

Ticals eased off to $27.40 a 100, whilst NEI Guilders climbed to $31.70 a 100.

Sterling appreciated to $13.10, but Australian pounds were unchanged at $12.53.

London Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 15.

Despite inclination on the part of operators to await the outcome of the Paris conference, most sections of the stock markets have today shown firmness.

Support from the provinces made for gains among breweries under the lead of Benskins, which were 2/3 higher at 91/3. There was also small buying of leading miscellaneous industrial lines, resulting in widespread improvements of a few pence.

Entertainments provided some good features, particularly among cinemas, in which Odeon Theatres continued their recent rise with a gain of 3/4. Greyhound racing shares were also in demand.

After a very slow start, the Kaffir section went ahead on local support for dividend payers whilst Free State issues were given attention on development reports in this area.

Western Holdings gained 2/- at 89/-. Giltedged were subject to a small amount of pressure, and resulted in losses up to 1/4 per cent. Consol 2½% lost this amount at 77.

Monies from this section have been finding their way into Electrical Supply, shares.

Foreign rails and foreign bonds spent an uneventful day but European stocks were fractionally better.

SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2½% 76⅛
Conversion Loan, 2½%, 1961.. 104⅛
Funding Loan, 4%, 1960/90 .. 112-9/16
War Loan, 3½%, 1952 ..... 103⅝
War Loan, 3% 102-15/16
Victory Bonds, 4% 112⅝

INDUSTRIALS:
Portland Cements 67/6
British American Tobacco 5-17/32
British Celanese 22/3
J. & P. Coats, ord. 61/6
Courtaulds, ord. 40/9
Dunlop Rubber Co. 70/3
Imperial Chemicals 46/10½
Imperial Tobaccos 5-13/32
Marks & Spencer 60/4½
Vickers Ltd., ord. 27/6

OIL SHARES:
Anglo-Iranian 128/3
Burma Oil Co., ord. 64/10½
Mexico Eagle 16/3
Trinidad Leaseholds 31/-
Royal Dutch 23⅝
Shell Transport 5-23/32
Venezuelan Oil 106/3

FOREIGN BONDS:
German Loan (Dawes) 7% .. 6⅝
Japanese 5%, 1907/07 ..... 3½
Japanese 6%, 1924/50 ..... 3⅜
Jap. S. Manchurian Rly. 5%, 1928 25

BANKS:
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Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank 120½
Mercantile Bank 21½

MINING SHARES:
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Consolidated Tin 2/4½
Orange Free States Trust 55/-
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Rodderand 12/9
Saint Helenas 49/7½
West Driefontiens 96/9
Lydenburg Estates 20/-
Selection Trusts 26/3
Welkom 60/10½
Tobacco Securities 2-5/16
Johannesburg Consolidated ... 109/4½

OILS:
Anglo-American 168/9
British Burma 3/9
British Borneo 47/-
—Reuter.

Recovery Proposals

London, Mar. 15.

Recommendations made by the British National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce to the European Recovery Programme conference meeting opening today in Paris, include, firstly, a system of multilateral settlements—instituted by the Benelux, France and Italy—should be extended to the whole of Europe and balances made effectively convertible into dollars.

Secondly, means must be found of using the proceeds of the aid for a settlement of international balances.

Thirdly, foreign private investments—both intra-European and extra-European—should be encouraged and protected.

Fourthly, exchange control should be gradually removed, starting with transfers on current account.

Fifthly, exchange rates should be adjusted at the appropriate time to their true economic levels.

Other recommendations follow expectable lines of greater cooperation, abolition of restrictive practices, increased trade between the East and West of Europe etc.—Reuter.

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"TSINAN"	Swatow	2 p.m. 17th Mar. *
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 17th Mar. *
"SINKIANG"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya, Semarang, Cheribon Batavia & Banka	10 a.m. 25th Mar.
"HUPEH"	Amoy, Foochow Shanghai & Tientsin	5 p.m. 27th Mar. *
"SOOCHOW"	Inchon & Pusan	1st week in April.
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow, Bangkok & Saigon	1st week in April *

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ARRIVALS FROM

"FENGTIEN"	Java & Singapore	18th Mar.
"Pakhoi"	Bangkok	18th Mar.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin & Foochow	19th Mar.
"FUKIEN"	Nagoya ..... 10 a.m.	20th Mar.

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"FATSHAN"	Sails	11.00 a.m. 17 Mar.
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"MENESTHEUS"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	24th March
"GLAUCUS"	U.K. via Straits	24th March

Sailings to

"ELPENOR"	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow via Port Said	22nd Mar.
"TITAN"	Casablanca, Algiers, Tangier, & Liverpool via Port Said	9th April.

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

"AJAX"	U.K. via U.S.A. & Manila	19th Mar.
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Poole via Bangkok

Mar. 17, BOAC (Capt. Briggs) 2 p.m.

Manila

Mr. 17, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Mar. 19, Cathay Pacific, 12.30 p.m.

Mar. 20, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 10.45 a.m.

Mar. 17, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Mar. 17, Philippine Airlines, 12 noon.

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Mar. 19, H.K. Airways, 3 p.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 11 a.m., 1.30 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.

San Francisco (Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Manila)

Mar. 17, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Mar. 20, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

San Francisco (Via Honolulu, Wake Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai)

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Mar. 25, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

Singapore

Mar. 20, BOAC (Capt. Payne) 4 p.m.

SAIGON

Mar. 19, Air France 2 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok

Mar. 17, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Mar. 21, Cathay Pacific, 2 p.m.

Departures To:

Poole via Bangkok

Mar. 17, BOAC (Capt. Mcgregor), 8 a.m.

Oslo via Bangkok

Mar. 17 Braathens (Capt. Fossum), 9 a.m.

Manila

Mar. 17, Philippine Airlines, 1 p.m.

Mar. 18, Cathay Pacific, 2.30 p.m.

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

SAIGON

Mar. 20, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

Singapore

Mar. 19, BOAC (Capt. Payne) 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.

Mar. 18, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Canton

H.K. Airways, thrice daily: 9 a.m., 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (Via Honolulu, Guam, Wake & Manila)

Mar. 18, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco (Via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake & Honolulu)

Mar. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Mar. 26, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Manila P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Canton, Liuchow and Kunming: Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Tainan; Airmail for Swatow and Foochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

Canton, 10 a.m.

Amoy, 10 a.m.

Japan (Ord. letters and cards only), 10 a.m.

Swatow, Noon.

Swatow, 1 p.m.

Amoy, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, 2 p.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Swatow, 6 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 4 p.m.

Konmoon, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao and Peiping, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Haiphong, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

Bangkok, 10 a.m.

Fatshan via Kaoling, 10 a.m.

Bangkok, 10 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta, Noon.

Swatow and Amoy, 1 p.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Par. and Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Bangkok, 2 p.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi, 2 p.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 4 p.m.

Bangkok, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Amoy, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

Canton, 10 a.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Swatow, 6 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 4 p.m.

Konmoon, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 8 a.m.

Canton, 10 a.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 2 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Swatow, 6 p.m.

Manila, 3 p.m.

Macao, Taishan and Shekki, 4 p.m.

Konmoon, 5 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

VESSELS DUE FROM

AMOY AND SWATOW

Mar.
16 Hawser Bend ..... (Everett)

ATLANTIC PORTS

Mar.
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
20 Dona Aniceta ..... (De La Rama)
20 American Merchant ..... (A.P.L.)
23 Twin Falls Victory ..... (Gilman)
Apr.
Early. Cape Junction ..... (Gilman)
End. Andrew Jackson.
8 Mindoro ..... (De La Rama)

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
18 Kaffristan ..... (Jardine)
23 Yunnan ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
Mid. Nankin ..... (B. & A.)

BANGKOK

Mar.
18 Pakhoi ..... (B. & S.)
20 Rubystone ..... (B.I.)

CALCUTTA

Mar.
13 Kutsang ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
12 Birdhana ..... (Apcar)

CANADA

Mar.
30 China Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
Apr.
Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)

EUROPE

Mar.
16 Tamara ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
19 Baldam ..... (Gilman)
Apr.
Early. Benlawers ..... (Ben Line)
Early. Pakhoi ..... (Both Ports)
Early. Kiang ..... (Both Ports)
5 Alphard ..... (J.C.P.L.)
6 Kamperdijk ..... (East Asiatic)
10 Balmoral ..... (Gilman)
End. Kyang ..... (Gilman)
Early. Ridderdijk ..... (J.C.P.L.)
May
Early. Talifu ..... (Gilman)
Early. Malmaison ..... (Gilman)

JAPAN

Mar.
19 Hawser Mariner ..... (Everett)
20 Fuping ..... (B. & S.)
21 Wo Hing ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
7 Fuchow ..... (B. & S.)

JAVA

Mar.
16 Tjisalak ..... (B. & S.)
22 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)

NEW YORK

Mar.
18 Ajax ..... (B. & S.)
20 American Merchant ..... (U.S.L.)
21 Pioneer Wave ..... (U.S.L.)
30 Sally Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
Apr.
Early. Lasalle ..... (Wallem)
10 Grete Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
Mid. Flying Arrow ..... (Pattison)
21 English Prince ..... (Jardine)
25 Chastine Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
30 Laura Maersk ..... (Jebsen)

PACIFIC COAST

Mar.
19 Philippine Transport .... (Jardine)
Apr.
Early. Cape Junction ..... (Gilman)
Early. Adaman ..... (De La Rama)
2 Roseville ..... (Bank Line)
26 Chastine Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
30 Laura Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
May. Manchuria ..... (East Asiatic)

SAN FRANCISCO

Mar.
19 Lightning ..... (U.S.L.)
18 Philippine Transport .... (Jardine)
18 Pres. Buchanan ..... (A.P.L.)
18 Bridgmore Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
22 Pacific Bear ..... (U.S.L.)
22 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
25 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
30 Luxembourg Victory ..... (U.S.L.)
30 Pres. Fillmore ..... (A.P.L.)
30 Rutland Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
Apr.
1 Fleetwood ..... (U.S.L.)
2 Pres. Tyler ..... (A.P.L.)
2 Willis Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
9 Mankato Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
9 Sea Serpent ..... (U.S.L.)
12 New Zealand Victory .... (Jardine)
15 Linfield Victory ..... (Jardine)
16 Louis McH. Howe ..... (A.P.L.)
19 Contest ..... (U.S.L.)
21 English Prince ..... (Jardine)
23 Pres. Monroe ..... (A.P.L.)
May
1 Scott E. Land ..... (A.P.L.)
2 Surprise ..... (U.S.L.)
3 China Bear ..... (U.S.L.)
6 Marine Snapper ..... (A.P.L.)
10 Lightning ..... (U.S.L.)
18 China Transport ..... (Jardine)
23 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
25 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)

SANDAKAN

Mar.
22 Hang Hang ..... (Jardine)

SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN

Mar.
18 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
20 Wing Sang ..... (Jardine)
19 Hupeh ..... (B. & S.)
24 Tresillian ..... (P. & O.)
27 Philippine Transport .... (Jardine)
Late. Mamnoh ..... (Jardine)
Late. Lake Pennask ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
18 New Zealand Victory .... (Jardine)
English Prince ..... (Jardine)
19 Britain Victory ..... (U.S.L.)
29 Trevelyan ..... (P. & O.)
May
29 Trevean ..... (P. & O.)

SINGAPORE

Mar.
18 Fengtien ..... (B. & S.)
21 Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Late. Glenstrae ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
Mid. Glengarry ..... (Jardine)
Late. Breconshire ..... (Jardine)

SOUTH AMERICA

Apr.
Mid. Bolsevrain ..... (J.C.P.L.)

UNITED KINGDOM

Mar.
21 "Teng 1404" ..... (B. & S.)
24 Menesthes ..... (B. & S.)
Late. Benlawers ..... (Ben Line)
Apr.
15 Trevelyan ..... (P. & O.)
Mid. Glenstrae ..... (Jardine)
Mid. Glengarry ..... (Jardine)
Mid. Achilles ..... (B. & S.)
Late. Breconshire ..... (Jardine)
26 Trevean ..... (P. & O.)
May
Early. Glengyle ..... (Jardine)
June
Early. Debbishire ..... (Jardine)
15 Trevose ..... (P. & O.)

VANCOUVER

Mar.
30 China Mail ..... (A.M.L.)

YOKOHAMA

Mar.
18 Flying Enterprise ..... (Pattison)
18 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
23 Lok Sang ..... (Jardine)
27 Philippine Transport .... (Jardine)
Apr.
4 New Zealand Victory .... (Jardine)
5 China Victory ..... (U.S.L.)

SAILINGS TO

AFRICA

Mar.
19 Tjibadak ..... (J.C.P.L.)
28 Ruys ..... (J.C.P.L.)

AMOY & SWATOW

Apr.
Early. Tamara ..... (De La Rama)
2 Tamara ..... (De La Rama)
Mid. Batavia ..... (De La Rama)

ATLANTIC PORTS

Mar.
19 Tanabal ..... (De La Rama)
23 Dona Aniceta ..... (De La Rama)
Late. Bali ..... (De La Rama)
Apr.
Early. Tahiti ..... (De La Rama)
Early. Batavia ..... (De La Rama)
20 Pres. Grant ..... (A.P.L.)

BANGKOK

Mar.
19 Prodeo ..... (Jebsen)

AUSTRALIA

Mar.
End. Kaffristan.

CANADA

Mar.
29 Lake Chilliwack ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)
8 Lake Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)

EUROPE

Mar.
26 Mytilene ..... (B. & S.)
Tilan ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
Early. Mosdrecht ..... (Ben Line)
4 Kamperdijk ..... (East Asiatic)
5 Al Kuwait ..... (M.M.)
9 Ridderdijk ..... (J.C.P.L.)
9 Shinkoku ..... (Gilman)
Mid. Le de la Tour ..... (M.M.)
May
Early. Alphonse ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Early. Talifu ..... (Gilman)
June
Early. Halland ..... (Gilman)
Early. Hannover ..... (J.C.P.L.)

HAIPHONG

Mar.
20 Sud David ..... (F. Maisons)
Apr.
Early. Ville De Strasbourg ..... (M.M.)

JAVA

Mar.
20 Tjisalak ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Apr.
Early. Tjisalak ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Early. Van Heutsz ..... (J.C.P.L.)

LOS ANGELES

Mar.
Early. Tsingtai ..... (De La Rama)
22 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
23 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
27 Philippine Bear ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)

MANILA

Mar.
19 Flying Enterprise ..... (Pattison)
22 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
23 Pioneer Wave ..... (U.S.L.)
20 Escalante ..... (De La Rama)
27 Philippine Transport .... (Jardine)
31 China Mail ..... (A.M.L.)
Apr.
17 New Zealand Victory .... (Jardine)

NEW YORK

Mar.
19 Pres. Buchanan ..... (A.P.L.)
21 American Merchant ..... (U.S.L.)
21 Tamerlane ..... (Dodwell)
Apr.
Early. Minisota ..... (Gilman)
1 Pres. Fillmore ..... (A.P.L.)
4 Pres. Tyler ..... (A.P.L.)
12 Grete Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
30 Sally Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
May
14 Grete Maersk ..... (Jebsen)
June
3 Laura Maersk ..... (Jebsen)

PACIFIC COAST

Mar.
Mid. Andaman ..... (De La Rama)
Apr.
11 Mankato Victory ..... (A.P.L.)

SANDAKAN

Mar.
19 Mau Sang ..... (Jardine)

SAN FRANCISCO

Mar.
19 Lightning ..... (U.S.L.)
20 Pres. Buchanan ..... (A.P.L.)
22 Capital Victory ..... (Jardine)
23 Pacific Bear ..... (U.S.L.)
23 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
Pres. McKinley ..... (A.P.L.)
Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
Skidmore Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
Luxembourg Victory ..... (U.S.L.)
Apr.
Early. Andaman ..... (De La Rama)
1 Pres. Fillmore ..... (A.P.L.)
1 Rutland Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
2 Fleetwood ..... (U.S.L.)
3 General Meigs ..... (A.P.L.)
4 Pres. Jefferson ..... (A.P.L.)
4 Pres. Tyler ..... (A.P.L.)
4 Willis Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
6 Bougainville ..... (Bank Line)
6 Pres. Madison ..... (A.P.L.)
8 China Victory ..... (U.S.L.)
9 Sea Serpent ..... (U.S.L.)
11 Mankato Victory ..... (A.P.L.)
17 Louis McH. Howe ..... (A.P.L.)
20 Britain Victory ..... (U.S.L.)
20 Contest ..... (U.S.L.)
24 General Gordon ..... (A.P.L.)
28 Pres. Monroe ..... (A.P.L.)
May
1 Pres. Cleveland ..... (A.P.L.)
3 Scott E. Land ..... (A.P.L.)
5 Surprise ..... (U.S.L.)
6 China Bear ..... (U.S.L.)
8 Marine Snapper ..... (A.P.L.)
11 Lightning ..... (U.S.L.)

SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN

Mar.
Mid. Kaffristan ..... (Jardine)
16 Coastal Champion ..... (Everett)
18 Coastal Buccaneer ..... (Everett)
22 Ruys ..... (J.C.P.L.)
23 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
22 Wing Sang ..... (Jardine)
24 Pres. McKinley ..... (A.P.L.)
25 Kut Sang ..... (Jardine)
Late. Glenstrae ..... (Jardine)
Late. Lake Winnipeg ..... (Jardine)
End. Le de la Tour ..... (M.M.)
Apr.
12 Rubystone ..... (B.I.)
13 Linfield Victory ..... (Jardine)
17 Trevelyan ..... (P. & O.)
29 Trevean ..... (P. & O.)
June
17 Trevose ..... (P. & O.)

SINGAPORE

Mar.
21 Strathnaver ..... (P. & O.)
23 Dilwara ..... (P. & O.)
27 Lok Sang ..... (Jardine)
25 Sinkiang ..... (B. & S.)
Late. Memnon ..... (Jardine)
Apr.
3 Roseville ..... (Bank Line)
14 Rubystone ..... (Apcar)

SOUTH AMERICA

Mar.
25 Ruys ..... (J.C.P.L.)
Apr.
End. Bolsevrain ..... (J.C.P.L.)

UNITED KINGDOM

Mar.
20 Elpenor ..... (B. & S.)
Late. Memnon ..... (Jardine)
Late. Titan ..... (B. & S.)
Apr.
10 Tresillian ..... (P. & O.)
May
1 Trevelyan ..... (P. & O.)
31 Trevean ..... (P. & O.)

YOKOHAMA

Mar.
23 Pacific Transport ..... (Jardine)
25 Kut Sang ..... (Jardine)
27 Hawser Bend ..... (Everett)

SHIP MOVEMENTS

The s.s. President Tyler sailed from San Francisco on March 11 for Hong Kong via Yokohama and Shanghai and is due on April 2, sailing on April 3 for Manila, Straits, Colombo, Cochin, Bombay, Suez, Mediterranean Ports and New York.

Finnish Proposals To Russia

Helsinki, Mar. 16.

The Finnish Government has instructed its delegation for the treaty talks with Soviet Russia to try to secure that, in the event of war, Russian armed forces would only be sent to Finland at the specific request of the Finnish Government, it was learned tonight.

The delegation was also instructed to press for Finland's armed forces to be used only within Finnish territory in the event of war.

It was further to try to arrange for a reduction of the 300 million gold dollars worth of reparations Finland is to send Russia over the next eight

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SAILINGS

S.S. "CHAKSANG"	to Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	4 p.m. 18th Mar.
S.S. "MAUSANG"	to Sandakan	noon 19th Mar.
S.S. "WINGSANG"	to Keelung & Shanghai	noon 22nd Mar.
S.S. "KUTSANG"	to Shanghai, Pusan, Nagoya, Yokohama & Kobe	25th Mar.
* S.S. "LOKSANG"	to Singapore, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta	27th Mar.
S.S. "HANGSANG"	to Sandakan	30th Mar.

ARRIVALS

S.S. "WINGSANG"	from Shanghai & Keelung	20th Mar.
S.S. "HANGSANG"	from Sandakan	22nd Mar.
S.S. "KUTSANG"	from Calcutta, Rangoon & Straits	23rd Mar.
S.S. "LOKSANG"	from Yokosuka, Yokohama & Kobe	23rd Mar.
S.S. "WOSANG"	from Inchon, Pusan (Korea) & Foochow	29th Mar.

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General Managers

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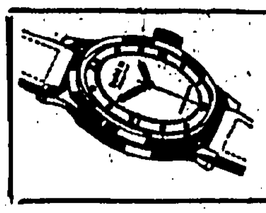

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PRO SOCCER COACH FOR COLONY

Mr. Morse To Make Arrangements In England

Taking Up Duties Next Season

The Council of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday empowered Mr. J. Skinner, Chairman, to make arrangements in conjunction with the Hon. Mr. A. Morse while in England for the employment of a professional football coach.

A memorandum was submitted to the Council in which it was suggested that a coach be arranged for Hong Kong at an annual cost of $22,000 excluding passage.

He will be on a two-year contract and if a suitable man is found he will arrive at the beginning of next season.

It was also stated that his services would be available for for Clubs and Schools and outport Associations if desired.

After the formal business of the meeting had been concluded Mr. Skinner informed the meeting that he was going on leave shortly and thanked all members for their co-operation during his term of office. He paid a tribute to the hard work and assistance given him by Mr. L. F. de Souza, the Hon. Secretary.

Cup Finals

Mr. H.K. Lee was unanimously elected acting Chairman.

The good wishes of the council were conveyed to Lt. Usherwood and Capt. Bellman, both of whom had served on the Council this season and who are shortly leaving for home.

Arrangements were made in connection with the International Final and the Memorial Cup Final.

The International final will be played on the Navy ground on April 4 and the Memorial Cup final on April 11.

Mrs. M.K. Lo will be asked to present the trophies at the International final and Lady Boyd at the Memorial Cup final.

Permission was granted to the Kowloon Motor Bus to visit Macao in the near future.

Mr. Haig Brown

A letter was read from Superintendant Haig-Brown, a co-opted member of the Council, stating that he would be transferred shortly from the Eastern district, and since it was due to his connection with the Eastern district, where all the big games were played, that he was co-opted a member, he would suggest that a successor be appointed in his place.

The chairman told the meeting that Mr. Haig-Brown had done a lot a good for football. He was a member of the special committee of seven appointed to enquire into the state of football in Hong Kong and had rendered invaluable assistance and help to the Association. He proposed that a minute of Mr. Haig-Brown's services to the Association be recorded.

Messrs. G. Harris and L. Louey were appointed to the Emergency Committee.

Tennis Tourney

On the second day of the Open Tennis Singles Championship yesterday another five games were decided.

Results:

S. A. Rumjahn beat D. Lo 6-2, 7-5.

Choy Tin Fook beat P. T Hau 6-2, 8-6.

Choy Tin Wah beat F. A. Fisher 6-1, 6-2.

B. T. M. Jones beat N. Lo 6-1, 6-0.

K. M. Getz beat G. Lemay 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

The following are today's games:—

K. Lo v F. Khan (Umpire:—Mr. A.H. McBride).

A. Furrer v T. Lo (Umpire:—Mr. A.D. Humphreys).

M. Pugh v T.J. Gould (Umpire:—Mr. J.C.L. Pearce).

A.W. Strachan v H.D. Rumjahn (Umpire:—Mr. D.H. Hazell).

N. Ma v C.Y. Wing (Umpire:—G.W. Sewell).

Open Doubles

The following are next week's games in the First Round of the Open Doubles:—

MONDAY, MARCH 22

B. Szeto and N. Ma v G. Lemay and A. Furrer.

K. Lo and T. Lo v Choy Tin-fook and Choy Tin-wah.

M. Pugh and L.F. Stokes v Tan Kong-yee and R. Tay.

T.E. Rodrigues and D.M. Rodrigues v Choy Ping-fan and Lee Yue-wing.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Wong Hok-neng and Kwok Hing-chand v J.J. Remedios and A.V. Gosano.

Lee Chun-kit and Y.Y. Lam v M.L. Chan and A. Chan.

H.V. Ardy and R.J. Mackenzie v C.K.L. Wu and H.A. Ayres.

Au Kam-moon and Pang Olam v M.W. Lo and M.K. Lo.

Dr. A.M. Rodrigues and H.A. Noronha v R. Saguien and Glao.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

P. Poon and H.T. Ng v S.K.H. Wong and Lam Kwan.

D. Chan and C.Y. Wing v Lee Wai-tong and P.T. Hau.

F.A. Fisher and A.H. Dinnen v T.J. Gould and J.K. Wilson.

L. d'Almada Remedios and A.J. Remedios v K.H. Ip and Paul Kong.

G. A. Noronha and A. E. Noronha v J.D. Mackie and S. Saul.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

J.A. Soares and F. Ribeiro v Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui.

G.S. Coxhead and Partner v T.E. Baker and R.O. Baker.

N. Lo and D. Lo v S.A. Rumjahn and H.D. Rumjahn.

A.M. Alves and A.V. Remedios v G.B. Gonsalves and W.A. Reed.

Wong Shiu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung v F.H. Kwok and Ho Ka-lau.

SAINTS' TEAM

The following will represent St. Joseph's in a friendly football game at Sookunpoo against Army tomorrow at 3 p.m.:—

MacDougall; Noronha and Hussain; Rumjahn; O. Gosano and A. Xavier; [illegible]

JAVA DEFEAT H.K. TEAM

The exhibition football game between the Java Chinese and the Non-Chinese of the Colony, which the former won by the only goal yesterday, was not played in the proper spirit and in the closing stages some rough play was witnessed, several players being injured.

The handling of the game left much to be desired and had there been more time for play some unpleasantness might have occurred. Hong Kong fielded weak side as several of the chosen players were not able to play owing to pressure of work. Java played fast football and were full value for their one goal win.

The best player on the field was undoubtedly Chu Cheesang, from Singapore, in goal. He gave a very good display and was very safe with his handling under pressure. His performance yesterday greatly enhanced his claim for recognition to represent China in the coming Olympic games.

Cho Tian-ho played a good game in the pivotal position until the closing minutes when he concentrated too much on his opponent, and Redman was his special target. Though Redman was continually fouled he showed great restraint. Gordon played a great game in the defence and Brown did all that was required on him. In the attack Redman was hard working but did not have much luck while Xavier and Bates, the wingers, were fast and had the opposing halves fully occupied.

Java scored in the first half through Lion who sent in a hard drive.

In the second half Hong Kong had more of the play. In the closing minutes they had hard luck not equalising when Xavier and Bates hit the bar in succession.

Yacht Club Hold Team Races

Two team races were held last weekend at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, when The Shippers Team defeated H.M.S. Amethyst on Saturday afternoon after a close fight and Hong Kong defeated Kowloon on Sunday morning.

Next week-end's team race fixture are as follows—each event being for teams of six boats:—

Saturday, 2 p.m.—The Shippers versus Government.

Sunday, 11 a.m.—Hong Kong Residents versus H.M.S. Amethyst.

The tentative programme of team races for the next few weeks is

Saturday, March 27—H.M.S. Amethyst versus Government.

Sunday, March 28—H.M.S. Amethyst versus Kowloon.

Saturday, April 3—Royal Navy team versus H.M.S. Amethyst.

Sunday, April 4—Royal Navy team versus Kowloon Residents.

Cruisers

Three cruisers had a race on Sunday from Kellet Island to Picnic Bay (Lama) via Green Island. The wind was fluky down harbour, but was steady in the East Lama Channel and gave a good beat up to Picnic Bay. Ariki got a long lead going down harbour but lost some of this on the beat out to Lama. The race back in the evening had to be abandoned owing to the wind dying right out about 5.30 p.m. The moving times were:—

	Elapsed time	Corrected time
Ariki	3.21.00	2.58.30
White Heron	4.28.00	3.06.20
Aquilla	3.49.00	3.15.39

At a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on March 9 Ariki's handicap was penalised by a further 1½ minutes and it was decided to handicap all Yachts on performance for the rest of the season by adding ¼ minute on the handicap for each race won. This penalises the Yachts that race regularly as opposed to those that race only occasionally, but it seems to be the general wish of yachtowners. Handicaps of the principal yachts in Hong Kong now, are thus after last Sunday's race:—

Westwind, with propeller...Scratch.

Ariki, with propeller...8½ minutes per hour off own time.

Aquilla, without propeller...9 minutes per hour plus 1 for propeller when fitted.

Yvonne without propeller...9 minutes per hour plus 1 for propeller when fitted.

Terne, with propeller...11 minutes per hour.

Harbinger, without propeller...17 minutes per hour.

White Heron, without propeller...20 minutes per hour.

Next Saturday there will be a short cruiser race starting at 2.45 p.m. and on Sunday an all-day race round Hong Kong to Starboard starting at 10.30 a.m.

Stars

Two races in Star class Yachts were held last week-end:—

SATURDAY

1.	Bellatrix (Chidell, Miss Cantopher, Smith)	1.39.10
2.	Atair (Ayles, Cousins, Miss Dewar)	1.50.00
3.	Deneb (Kay, Mrs. Chandler)	2.00.30
4.	Polaris (Grey, Miss Loseby)	2.31.00

SUNDAY

1.	Atair (Christensen)	17.31.30
2.	Deneb (Chidell)	17.32.15
3.	Polaris (Gracey)	17.41.45
	Bellatrix (Miss Cantopher)	Disqualified

Dinghies

Two team races and one sweepstake race in 14-foot dinghies were held last week-end:—

SATURDAY TEAM RACE

Shippers versus H.M.S. Amethyst

1.	'4' East (A)	1.49.50	18
2.	'18' Christensen, Gracey (S)	1.49.50	11
3.	'15' Streeter (A)	1.54.15	10
4.	'6' Dirkswager (S)	1.54.10	9
5.	'7' Griffiths (A)	1.54.31	8
6.	'22' Corbett (S)	1.57.15	7
7.	'14' Barrett, Winter (S)	1.59.32	6
8.	'2' Urbanic, Wilmott (S)	1.59.55	5
9.	'10' Howard (A)	2.01.51	4
	'23' Bryce, Mrs. Cater (S)	D.N.F.	
	'9' MacCraig (A)	D.N.F.	
	'167' Brooke (A)	Disqualified	
	Results: Shippers	55	
	Amethyst	55	

SUNDAY TEAM RACE

H.K. Residents versus Kowloon Residents

1.	'18' Corbett, Rossman (H.K.)	13.22	18
2.	'Connell' Mrs. Harvey, Christensen (K)	13.22	11
3.	'22' Atay (H.K.)	13.31	10
4.	'3' Miss Cantopher Miss Dashwood (K)	13.52	9
5.	'17' Coote (H.K.)	13.56	8
6.	'13' Hancock, Miss Cole (K)	13.56	7
7.	'A' Sherin, Ossano (H.K.)	13.56	6
8.	'12' Seaton (H.K.)	13.56	5
9.	'3' Gray (H.K.)	14.04	4
10.	'21' Wright (K)	14.24	3
11.	'20' Lapp, Whitehead		2
	'16' Gracey, Mrs. Sabine	Disqualified	
	Results: Hong Kong	40	
	Kowloon	40	

The position in the league now is:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Pts.
H.K. Residents	1	1		5
Royal Navy	1	1		5
H.M.S. Amethyst	2	1	1	5
H.K. Government	1		1	0
Kowloon Residents	1		1	0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

H.K. Residents 40 Royal Navy 40

H.M.S. Amethyst 55 Kowloon Residents 25

Bid To Bring About Palestine Truce

New York, Mar. 15.

The United Nations Security Council discussions on Palestine, due to take place this afternoon, have been postponed until tomorrow.

The "Big Four" (the United States, Soviet Russia, France and China) today heard a statement from a representative of the Arab Higher Committee and is to meet again at 3.30 p.m. GMT tomorrow in the Soviet delegation office.

The Arab Higher Committee representative, M. Isa Nakhleh, in his statement, rejected any discussion of partition and repeated the Arab demand for an independent state in Palestine.

The Arab statement said the Arabs of Palestine, "with the clear and unequivocal support of the Arab States," had categorically rejected partition. The Arab Higher Committee for Palestine rejected "any solution based on partition in any form, including the creation of a separate provisional or permanent administration for the city of Jerusalem," the statement said.

The only solution which would guarantee peace and security was the formation of one independent State for the whole of Palestine.

The Big Four, before the Arab spokesman's arrival, discussed whether they could reach unanimous agreement on a statement defining the essential facts of the Palestine situation, such as the origin and nature of the disturbances.

No Agreement

No agreement was reached, however, as none of the members appeared ready to define his own basic views.

There appeared to be general agreement, that both parties should understand that the Security Council intends to do something about Palestine and not leave the matter in the air.

After his statement Mr. Nakhleh was asked whether the Arabs were prepared to enter into the necessary agreements to bring about an effective truce in Palestine.

He replied that he would transmit the question to higher authorities.

The same question will be addressed to all Arab members of the United Nations and to the Jewish Agency.—Reuter.

Assam Pasha, Egyptian Foreign Affairs Minister, are leaving Cairo for Beirut tomorrow to attend an Arab League Palestine Committee meeting.

Azzam Pasha was recalled to Cairo from his mission of mediation in the Yemen dispute and is expected to go to Lake Success to defend the Arab views on Palestine at the United Nations.—Reuter.

"A Foul Slander" On Reds

London, Mar. 16.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, declared today that Mr. Clement Attlee's statement in the House of Commons today, that the British Government had decided not to employ anyone known to be a member of the Communist Party in work "vital to the security of the State," was "a foul slander to bracket the Communists, who have everywhere been foremost in the fight for their country's independence, with the Fascists, who were everywhere quislings and traitors."

Mr. Pollitt said he wanted to call the attention of all workers to the fact that no attack has ever yet been made by any Government in Britain on members of the Communist Party that was not a prelude to attacks on [illegible]

DANGEROUS ICE CREAM

The first "cholera case" of this season was heard by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Kwok Tai-fook (33) was charged with selling ice-cream without a permit from the Health Authorities.

As it was the first case of its kind this year, said the Magistrate, he would only impose a fine of $2 (or 10 days' imprisonment) and order the containers to be destroyed.

The penalty, he warned, would be considerably increased "if we get too much of this sort of thing."

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

G.O.C. At Innisks Parade

The 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers started their St. Patrick's Day celebrations yesterday morning with a ceremonial parade at Murray Barracks.

The whole battalion was on parade and each officer and man received a piece of Shamrock from the G.O.C., Major General G.W.E.J. Erskine. The G.O.C. first presented a sprig of shamrock to the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Shaw, then to the officers, after which each C.S.M. received a tray of shamrock which was given to the men.

The G.O.C. spoke to the Battalion praising them for the way in which they had tackled their duties as garrison troops. He said the Inniskillings had proved themselves good soldiers, gay soldiers and good sports. He made special mention of the high standard of sport within the battalion and congratulated them on their victory in the Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament.

The General went on to talk to the young soldiers, saying that the name and fine traditions of the Regiment were in the hands of the young soldiers and it was therefore their duty to make themselves first class soldiers the same as the forefathers of this great Regiment.

At the conclusion of his speech, the G.O.C. presented the Regimental Sports trophies to the team and individual winners.

After the parade the guests were entertained in the officers' mess.

The presentation of shamrock to the officers and men of the Regiment holds no religious significance it being the custom that all men serving with the regiment on St. Patrick's Day receive a piece of shamrock.

The parade was held yesterday so that today, St. Patrick's Day, can be celebrated as a holiday within the Regiment.

Readers' Letters

Occupation Payments

Sir,—The fear expressed by the Hon. A. Morse a few days ago has come true. The proposed bill intituled: "The Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance, 1948," gazetted March 13, legalises in effect payments to the Japanese liquidators huge sums by big shots under the Mikado.

To quote the future law to prove my thesis, let us simplify a few of its technical phrases. Paragraph (2) of Article 2 provides that if any person paid to liquidator "acting or purporting on behalf of such creditor" as bank "by operation of law as a result of the occupation of the Colony by the occupying power", then such payments shall be "a valid discharge of such debt."

Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and other Anglo-American banks with a few "Chungking" banks were closed as a result of the internment, persecution or in a very few cases, patriotism. The Finance Secretary of "Captured Territory" of Hong Kong appointed liquidators for these banks. Such liquidators notified all debtors and mortgagees that all debts and mortgage should be paid up. Many of such debtors and mortgagees were already imprisoned, executed, persecuted, prosecuted, starved or leaving. Only a few landlords, brokers and department store proprietors who co-operated and collaborated with the occupying authorities were able and willing to pay up their debts and wind up their mortgages. Then the Kempeitai's informers, heads of monopolies and syndicates and successful traitors from Canton, Peking and Shanghai who thought Hong Kong someday would become a Paradise of Collaborators, would also invest and loan moneys to pay up such obligations.

It is indeed fantastic to believe that such should be the case. Yet this is the legislative intent of the new Ordinance.

In the long run the people, the whole people who fought and suffered for the cause, shall bear the burden of paying to such "farsighted" investors.

In reality the new law makes pro-Allied nationals to pay a huge indemnity or penalty for their being pro-Allied. Traitors and war-profiteers are enabled by this law to tease, snarl at us and persecute us as they did in the occupation days.

I challenge any defender of this new law to repudiate my proposition.

EX-CONVICT OF THE KEMPEITAI

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Motor Cycle Club

Sir,—Since arriving in the Colony I have noticed the large number of motor-cycles on the roads, and I am quite surprised to find that, even though the area may be limited, there is no Motor Cycle Club in operation.

Could I, through the medium of your newspaper, appeal to all motor cycle enthusiasts who may be interested in the formation of such a club, with a view to organised rides, scrambles and hill climbs.

If any readers are interested in the idea, would they please contact me at the following address:

B. W. D. HITCHCOCK.
Prison Officers Club.

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Softball Point

Sir,—Some time ago your columns commented on a Softball game between St. Joseph's and Recreio which the latter won, but an umpire's decision was protested by Recreio to the Association, and it is now common knowledge that the Association did not uphold the protest.

In view of the fact that this protest created unprecedented controversy among sportsmen, I forwarded the complete evidence and facts to the International Joint Rules Committee on Softball, Detroit, for a clearer interpretation, and I shall be obliged if you will print the following ruling which I received in this morning's mail:

"In the first place, interference is a matter of judgment on the part of the umpire and, even after consultation, the third base umpire, who had jurisdiction of the play, did not see fit to rule interference.

"In the second place, if the umpire had ruled interference, the runner would have been entitled to third base only without liability to be put out and any further advance would have been at his own risk. In the book you have this should be found in Section 9 of Rule 27. This rule plays the runner only the base [illegible]

EMBEZZLER SENTENCED

Charged on two counts of embezzlement of his employers' funds, amounts of $1,050 and $585, Kan Kui-li, 34, delivery coolie, pleaded guilty before Mr. W.N. Thomas, J.M. at Central yesterday and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

The Magistrate further ordered that the restitution is not made, the accused should be sent months [illegible]

POPULARITY OF RUGBY

Successful Season Nearing End

The end of the 1947-48 Rugger Season is fast approaching and it will perhaps be of interest to give a short resume of what has proved to be a most successful season.

Rugger in fact can now be said to be firmly re-established in the Colony. There has been no really outstanding team and no outstanding individual this season which has been an advantage as some really good team-work has been seen.

The Army after a rather shaky start has developed into a really good fifteen and Captain Cunningham and Lt. de Rome are to be congratulated on this. How fortunate we have been, too, in having the Inniskillings here, who have played so many sporting games throughout the season and who got a very just reward last week-end when they won the Blarney Stone Seven-A-Side Shield. Symes, Doherty and Stephens of the "Skins" and de Rome" Penrose and Henderson have all been steady performers for the soldiers and are all worthy of a place in the Colony side who are provisionally fixed to play the Koreans on April 3.

The Navy have very rarely been seen at full strength due to movements of ships, but nevertheless have put up some very creditable performances. The departure of H.M.S. Adamant was a severe blow half way through the season, taking away about half the Navy side and also their captain Thomson, however H.M.S. Sussex and Dalgleish took over the reins and the Navy side are to be congratulated on keeping their standard so high. Mention must be made of Mathieson, Winyard, Erner and Rowbotham who have all played very soundly whenever they have been available.

R.A.F.-Police

The R.A.F. and Police XV have also had team-building difficulties and have done well to raise a team each week, mainly through the inspiration of Hutchins. It is a pity that Sq. Ldr. Panton and Sgt. Bacon did not arrive in the Colony a little earlier for if they had, the Junior service would have certainly given the other sides one or two shocks. Wright-Nooth and Oliver have played consistently well and the place kicking of the latter has been one of the features of the season.

The Club are to be congratulated on winning the Quadrangular Tournament and also beating the Rest of the Colony, though it is a pity that they did not come up to expectations in the first post-war Interport against Shanghai. Their pack have played well throughout the season and their backs have also improved considerably in the last few games an encouraging sign in view of their match with Korea on Easter Monday.

It is pleasing to see so much talent in their "A" team all of whom will have a chance next year as such stalwarts as Godfrey, Ingham and Strachan are all due to leave the Colony on transfer in the near future and quite a few others have been threatening to hang up their boots.

Sevens Popular

The Internationals and the Seven-a-Side have been as popular as ever. Scotland winning the former from Ireland by the narrowest of margins, with the Inniskillings having their revenge in the latter when they beat a side composed mostly of Scotsmen.

No review of the season would be complete without a word of praise for the referees. Jake Selby, Ted Allen and John Redman have put in any amount of useful work both on the field and off and Hong Kong is indeed lucky to have them and also others who will always turn out when required. A suggestion by General Erskine at the H.K.F.C. dinner that we should have a properly constituted body of referees to do all the matches in the Colony is a good one and will be worth considering for next season.

It is a pity that the Navy and R.A.F. have been unable to produce Rugger pitches this season and it is hoped that they will be able to do so next year, for if the game is to improve in the Colony, it is essential that all four teams have both 1st. XV and "A" XV matches each week which at the moment is impossible with only two grounds.

A great innovation in the Rugger world is a visit by a team from Korea and the following programme of matches has been arranged provisionally:—

Monday, March 29—Koreans v H.K.F.C.

Wednesday, March 31—Koreans v United Services.

Saturday, April 3—Koreans v Colony.

They come with [illegible]

Dashing Bradman Innings

Perth, West Australia, Mar. 15.

Don Bradman scored his 105th century here today, making 115 in a dashing innings for the Australian touring team against Western Australia, the Sheffield Shield champions.

At the close of the second day's play, the tourists had scored 237 for three in reply to Western Australia's first innings total of 348. The match ends tomorrow.

Bradman was making his last appearance in Australia and received a tremendous ovation. He was eventually caught in the covers off the slow bowler O'Dwyer after a chanceless second wicket partnership with the lefthander, Arthur Morris, which yielded 241 runs in 143 minutes. Morris also reached three figures and, like Bradman, was caught at 115.—Reuter.

ANGLO-FRENCH RUGGER PACT

London, Mar. 15.

An agreement concerning the transfer of players has been reached between the British Rugby League Council and the French Rugby League.

This was stated at today's meeting of the Rugby League here. Only players on the "open to transfer" list may be approached and transfer fees must be approved by both the British and French Leagues.—Reuter.

NATIONAL CARD

London, Mar. 15.

The card on Saturday's Grand National was called over at the Victoria Club here tonight and the quotations were:—

10 to 1 Silver Fame taken and offered; 16 to 1 taken; 100 to 6 Rolmond offered, 20 to 1 taken; 25 to 1 Cromwell and Klarion, 20 to 1 offered; 25 to 1 Lough Conn offered, 28 to 1 taken; 28 to 1 First of the Dandies taken and offered; 33 to 1 Happy Home offered; 40 to 1 Halcyon Hours taken and offered; 40 to 1 Prince Regent, Shellie, Cottage and Soda II, all offered; 50 to 1 offered bar 19 horses.

The next callover will be on Wednesday.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

London, Mar. 15.

The following were the results of League football games played today.

Second Division: Tottenham Hotspur 0 Barnsley 3.

Third Division (Southern): Crystal Palace 0 Queen's Park Rangers 1.

Friendly Match: Exeter City 1 Plymouth 1.—Reuter.

SQUASH TITLE

London, Mar. 15.

Mahmoud El Karim, of Egypt, retained his British open squash rackets title here today by beating the British professional, James Dear, 9-5, 9-3, 8-9, 2-9, 10-8 in the final after saving two match points.—Reuter.

BASEBALL

New York, Mar. 15.

Exhibition baseball—New York Yankees 10, Philadelphia Phillies 5; Boston Braves 4, Cincinnati Reds 12; Chicago Cardinals 4, Detroit Tigers 6; St. Louis and Portland postponed because of wet grounds.—Associated Press.

CLUB TEAM

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. Athletic Club in the Shek-o-Stanley Inter-Club [illegible]